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### Ten Los Angeles Police Officers Receive Medal of Valor

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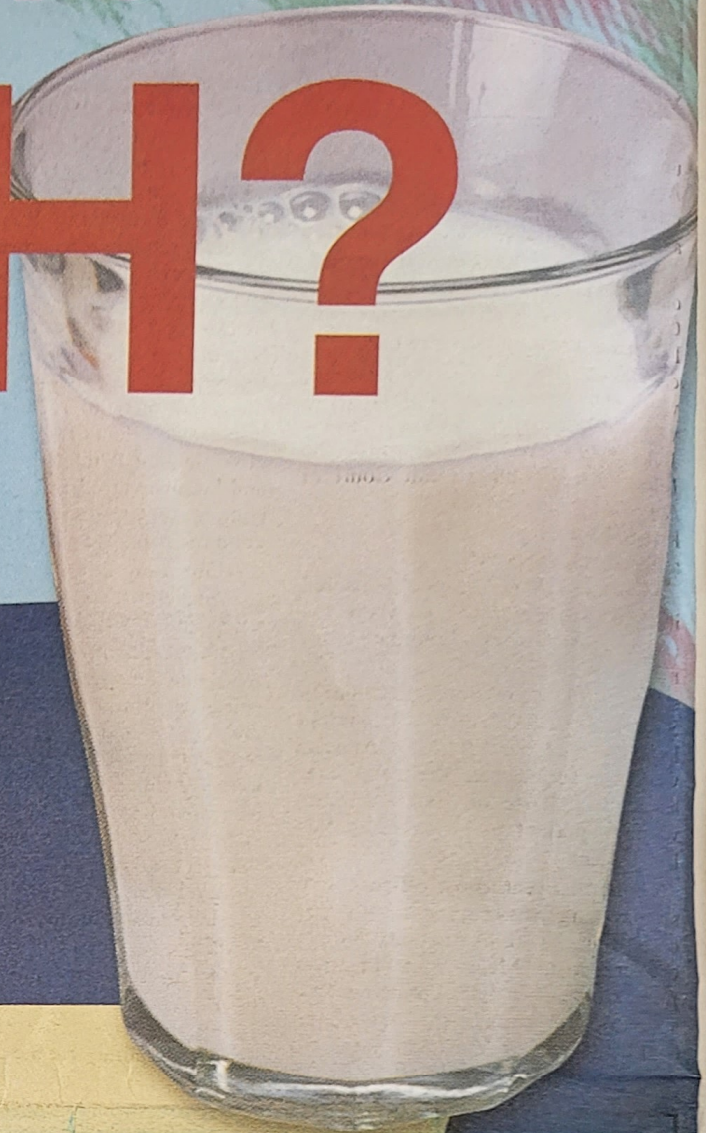


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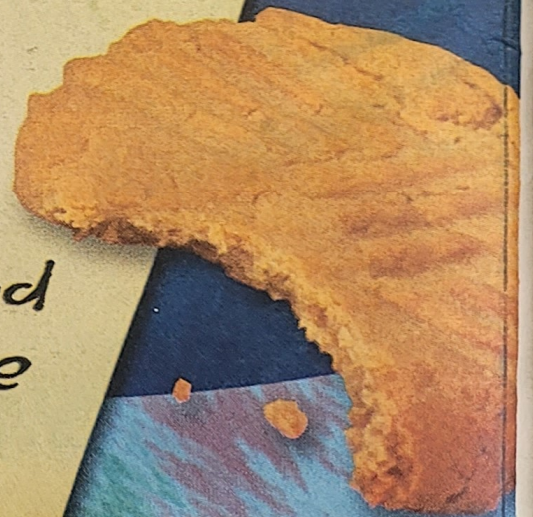


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TED HUNT

### Year In Review

The new year and the new millennium began inauspiciously in Los Angeles. The City was prepared for massive New Year's Eve parties which all but fizzled out of a lack of interest.

• As the year 2000 moved forward, our League held its first Installation Ceremony for both Delegates and Directors. It was an overwhelming success. Over 400 people, including a who's who of Los Angeles government, were in attendance. The Honorable Judge Harry Pregerson, dean of the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals officiated, with the legendary KTLA News reporter Stan Chambers as the Keynote Speaker.

• On July 11th our League sponsored its first ever major debate where the (then) five leading candidates for mayor verbally "duked" it out on the stage of the Sportsmen's Lodge in Sherman Oaks. With over one hundred Delegates and over 300 Los Angeles voters in attendance, the candidates began to separate on issues that are vitally important to members of this Department.

• Also this year, most officers were still savoring the sweet and lucrative joy of settling the FLSA law suit. As one officer put it, "Money from the riots provided the down payment on my first home. A few years later, money from the FLSA law suit allowed my family to

move up to a much better and newer home. Thank you, PaineWebber, I mean Greg Petersen and the League."

• Starting from scratch in early January, our League built a Contract Research Team led by Bob Baker. The Team thoroughly researched the negotiation process, including the wants and needs, strengths and weaknesses of all parties. That work was blended into the Negotiation Team which pounded out the best ever LAPD contract, and it was delivered on time. That is particularly important in light of the barrage of negative publicity directed toward LAPD, and because no other LA union got its contract on time, and no other got the good raise that we got.

• Our League took a bold step by reaching out to our harshest critics to try to find out what it is that they object to, what it is about the way we do police work that keeps them criticizing us and suing us. Why not go to your enemy and try to find out the problem and make a peace? War is expensive. We asked world renowned USC law professor Erwin Chemerinsky to examine the Board of Inquiry and analyze what could be done to improve LAPD. His analysis is a highly valued work among those considering how to transform LAPD.

One of the most important side benefits to our League from the Chemerinsky Report is that we isolated the responsibility for the problems with

LAPD back on management. In the past, blame has always been placed on a few rank-and-file officers. They were sacrificed and that satisfied a blood-thirsty media and public. LAPD is a paramilitary structure. Although we have broad discretion in some areas, we generally follow very detailed and specific policies and procedures. Why punish someone for following orders? Look to the order givers. Isolating responsibility for the problem on management was a major accomplishment. But it is not LAPD management alone that should be blamed for the failures. Some of those in City Hall should be held accountable as well.

• Another huge victory for our League was the signing of the statewide Binding Arbitration Bill which arms public safety unions with a big hammer for future contract negotiations. It gives tremendous power to rank-and-file officers that will force management to deal with the unions fairly in the bargaining process. When we go back to the bargaining process in three years, it will be a huge incentive to the City to deal with the League fairly.

• As the world watched the Los Angeles Lakers win the NBA Championship, the joy of the home town win quickly gave way to the embarrassing failure by management to order a response to the street thugs that terrorized Staples for a couple of hours. Frustrated officers stood nearby in formation - eager to engage. But we are a paramilitary organization and we follow orders. The orders were - stand by. Our proud, skilled, frustrated but disciplined officers stood by and waited. When the order to take action finally came, LAPD showed the world and the thugs what we could do. The problem was resolved in less than 45 minutes.

• For a moment in August, with the Democratic National Convention in

town, LAPD once again showed the world, what a world class police department can do. When your Board learned that many officers were going without water on those hot August days, we immediately organized a delivery mechanism and took water and snacks to officers in the field.

Our brother and sister officers distinguished themselves as the best. Whether you were standing a fence line on the perimeter of the Staples Center, guarding a hotel in West LA or going toe to toe with eco-terrorists in downtown, everyone did their part. We should all be proud of that moment in history.

But aside from the progress, firsts, and forward movement, the year was dominated by the cloud of shame brought on by Rafael Perez.

• The Department launched a massive Board of Inquiry which the League could have brought to a complete halt by exercising some of the legal rights afforded to labor unions through federal and state law. But we believed that restoring and ensuring the integrity of our Department was far more important than playing games with management. Working with Chief Parks and Chief Bostic we set up a legal defense system to protect all League members. It mirrored the Department's investigative system.

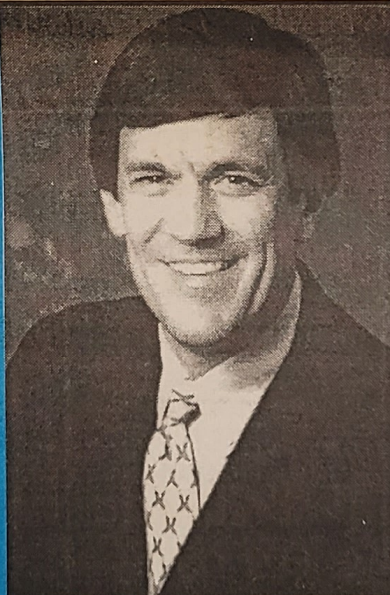
When the Department announced the results of the Board of Inquiry, both Chief Parks and Chief Bostic publicly recognized and thanked the leadership of the League for helping to facilitate the process. Our belief then and today is that we have to get to the bottom of the Rafael Perez scandal and restore the good name of LAPD.

• Based on the Board of Inquiry and other related issues such as allegations of a "pattern and practice" of violating

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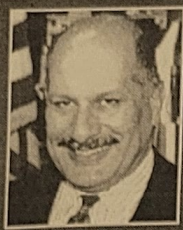
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DENNIS P. ZINE, VICE PRESIDENT

I dedicate my December column to the memory of the 206 Los Angeles Police Officers who have died in the line of duty. During this time of year, we gather together with our loved ones, friends and neighbors and celebrate the holiday season. We attend holiday office parties, family gatherings and exchange gifts. We celebrate and laugh and over indulge in delicious foods, candy and beverages. We do all of this while many are suffering the loss of a loved one. Since 1907 to 2000, 206 Los Angeles Police Officers have died in the line of duty. We need to remember the families of our brother and sister officers who have given their lives protecting Los Angeles.

Take the time this holiday season to send a holiday card or make a telephone call to the family members who will not have their loved ones with them to celebrate this holiday season.

### LINE OF DUTY DEATHS

#### 1907-2000

Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

#### 1907

Officer C. A. May

Officer P. H. Lyons

#### 1908

Captain W. H. Auble

#### 1910

Officer David Brooks

#### 1911

Officer A. B. Crusey

Officer C. S. Bowman

Officer J. B. Wylie

Officer F. C. Eiler

#### 1914

Officer J. F. Crehan

Officer R. V. Murray

#### 1915

Officer J. T. Toolen

Detective Lieutenant J. E. Browning

#### 1916

Officer Walter Krops

Officer T. J. Kronschnable

#### 1917

Officer James Ellsworth

Officer O. E. Barney

Lieutenant C. E. Johnson

#### 1918

Officer G. J. Smith

Officer Harry A. Byers

Officer E. W. Stone

Officer Peter Isaackson

Officer Isaac Gibeau

Officer B. M. Cook

Officer W. C. Cherry

Officer Harry A. Gates

Officer David C. Towles

Sergeant A. C. Wedge

Officer L. E. Trebilcock

Officer George A. Nelson

Officer Joseph A. Matlock

Officer S. L. Walker

Officer J. C. Clifford

#### 1919

Officer P. J. Downey

Officer Jasper Romero, Jr.

Officer C. B. Wyatt

#### 1920

Officer Elijah Bradley

Officer D. C. Hathaway

Officer J. G. Magness

#### 1921

Officer W. L. Brett

Officer Harry Clester

Lieutenant John Fitzgerald

#### 1922

Officer V. O. Dinsmore

Lieutenant R. F. Shy

#### 1923

Officer Archie Cruse

Officer M. Mc Donough

Officer C. P. Williams

#### 1924

Officer R. D. Green

Officer G. E. Bond

Officer G. S. Papst

Officer E. E. Wilhoit

Officer F. E. Corley

#### 1925

Officer C. M. Partin

Officer Ralph Miover

Officer Wylie Smith

#### 1926

Sergeant Judson Cornwall

Officer Herbert Klade

Officer Carl Drake

Officer James M. Miller

Officer Arthur L. Davenport

Officer Andrew J. Davilla

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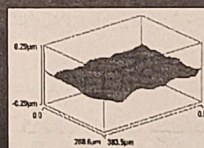
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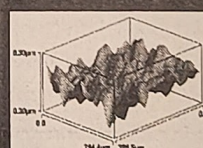
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Preparations for this training began six months ago with the formation of a design team consisting of a wide array of talented individuals from the Department, public education and the Los Angeles Police Protective League. I would like to personally extend the thanks of the League and our membership to each member of the design team for your dedication and efforts: Dr. Robin Greene, Lieutenants Bill Murphy and Rita Knecht, Commander George Gascon, Captains Sergio Diaz, Kyle Jackson and Jan McDonnell, Lieutenants Bill Murphy, Steve Margolis, Rick Webb, Mark Olvera and Leonard Knight, Detectives Sam Snyder and Roger Gripe, Sergeants Larry Wehage, Sandy Jo MacArthur, Dave Porras, Ken Santolla, Steve Stein, Steve Adams, Ivan Minsal, J.R. Ramos and Brian Hospodar, and Officers Anne Hennessey and Kristi Sandoval.

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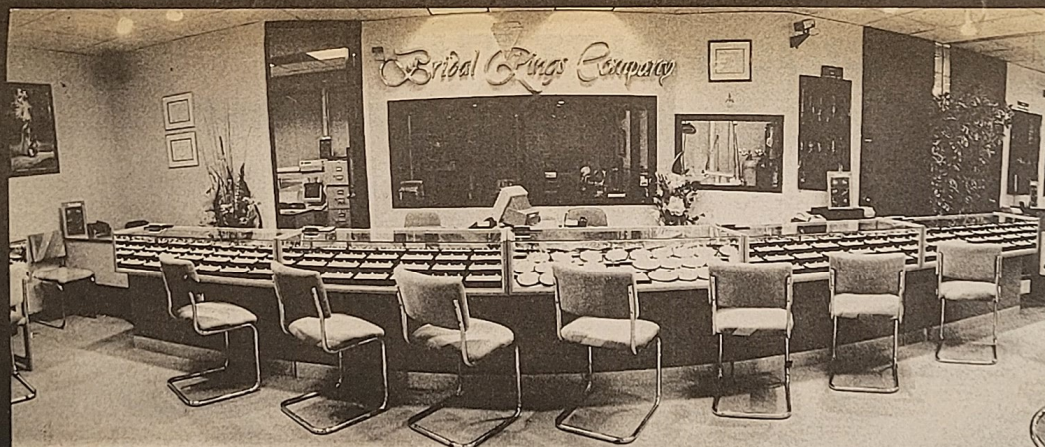
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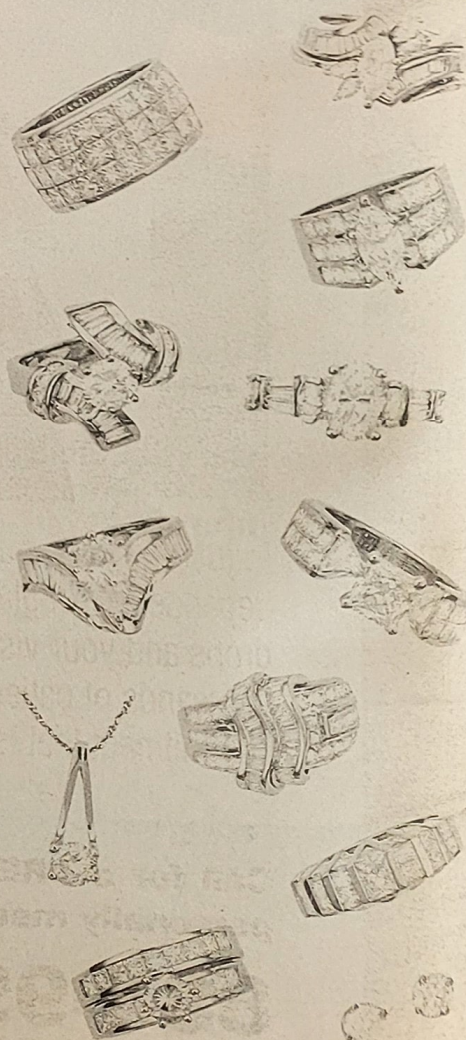
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MITZI GRASSO

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As the New Year approaches we are going to be confronted with a number of issues that are going to change the nature of police work, as we know it today. Never have I been more disappointed in a governing body than the day I watched the City Council totally abdicate their responsibility as the city managers of the Police Department by

approving the consent decree. What is even more disturbing is the way the city rushed to embrace this federal suit, without truly studying the ramifications it will cause, not only for us as officers, but more importantly, for the residents of Los Angeles we are dedicated to protect and serve. What truly amazes me is that our city managers feel that the same entity that was ultimately responsible for fiascos such as Ruby Ridge and Waco is qualified to run a municipal police department.

Not everything included in the consent decree is all bad; some of it is simply the wave of the future. A system such as TEAMS II was bound to be implemented at some point. It is our job to protect your rights by ensuring that the information included is correct and tracked in the appropriate context. Other provisions require work that is impractical at best, and doesn't even begin to touch the types of reform that they are attempting to effect. The redistribution of manpower required by this consent decree can only further undermine the efficiency of our department as it stands now, causing the erosion of badly needed police services in our city.

I realize that much of this sounds pretty dismal. But there are a few things that I believe are true that seem to offset this outlook. First, life is cyclical; I believe that we are on the

VERY LOW part of the cycle in our department. Things will get better here. If one looks back at the history of our department, things have gone bad, things get better. Second, in terms of protecting your rights, we will continue our strategy so that your rights guaranteed to you as a citizen of the United States (something that the department frequently forgets) will be guaranteed. Thus allowing you to do your job to the best of your ability. Finally and most importantly, YOU are the best police officers in the world, bar none. Regardless of the political outcome of the issues we have before us, continue to do your job as you always have. Talk with the residents you see daily out in the street. Let them know you are still out there, still on their side. By doing this consistently, you will gain their

support. And what about the politicians that have abandoned us all? The best way to point out a grave mistake made by an elected official is to hit them where it counts, in their voting constituency. If the implementation of the consent decree follows the same progress as consent decrees in other cities, the elected officials responsible will no doubt be voted out. As the first line of government be sure to let your voices be heard in the city.

Again, have very happy and safe holidays. I am looking forward to the start of the New Year to get in gear and assist in providing the best working environment possible.

P.S. I haven't forgotten about CWS, we'll talk about that next month. ❖

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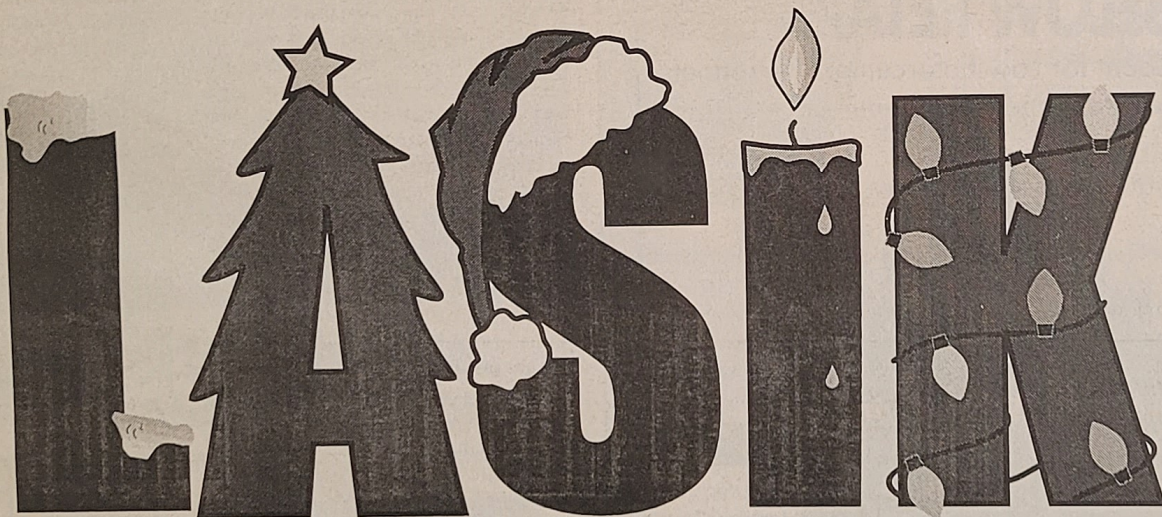
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# Strike Back!

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The City Council, City Attorney and the Mayor have just caved in to the Feds. The Consent Decree was voted on and approved by City Council with the only standouts willing to voice their opposition being Hal Bernson and Nate Holden. Bravo to both of you for your courage to do the right thing even in the face of tremendous pressure. That being the case, now I will follow your lead and do the right thing and tell how this came to be and who was involved and what this all means for the individuals that cut the deal and the impact on the public who will ultimately pay for all of this.

The Feds have been looking for an opportunity to impose themselves on us for a long time. They just never had the inside ties to accomplish their goals. The Feds had a friend in City Councilman, Mike Feuer. Incidentally, Mike is running for City Attorney and that is very important as this story unfolds. When the "Perez" scandal came to light, the Feds saw this as a golden opportunity to step in and Mike Feuer helped them every step of the way. Then the Department came out with the Board of Inquiry Report. The report was all Feuer needed to convince the Feds that they had a winnable case. The secret meetings behind closed doors began but they needed to bring in some ultra liberal anti-police individuals. Those included our current City Attorney and Mayoral Candidate James

Hahn and Police Commission President Chaleff. Mr. Chaleff is a high-powered criminal defense attorney who has represented individuals such as the "Hillside Strangler." These are the main villains from our own city. The question is, what is in this Consent Decree for these individuals?

If they could impose a Federal Consent Decree on the Los Angeles Police Department what benefit would this be to them? It would essentially absolve the future Mayor of Los Angeles and City Council of any responsibility for anything that went wrong with the Police Department. That's not a bad deal for the guy that wants to be the next Mayor (James Hahn) and the guy that wants to be the next City Attorney (Mike Feuer). But what's in it for Mr. Chaleff, the guy with the criminal defense attorney background and ultra liberal view toward the police? Increased crime equals money in his pocket. Federal Consent Decree equals increased crime and increased civil suits against the City and the Police Department.

By the City Council and the Mayor going along with the Feds, they have attempted to absolve themselves of any responsibility in the future for the Police Department. In fact what they have done is to fail the citizens that elected them. They have been fiscally irresponsible. This is going to cost taxpayers well over 100 MILLION DOL-

LARS. A fact that Mr. Hahn and Mr. Feuer don't talk about if they don't have to and then it is down played or simply lied about. And not to let the Mayor off the hook - you, of all people should have stood up and said "NO." You have listened to your Chief of Police on every single issue up to now and in his hour of greatest need you abandon him. Maybe it was a moment of weakness but I doubt it, I think it was a fatal character flaw. At least the villains in this story had motivation.

Anyway, back to the story. The secret meetings went on with the Feds and nobody with any police background had anything to do with the actual negotiations of this Consent Decree. It was as if they had all the answers and certainly didn't need the help of anyone because they are so much smarter than the rest of us. I know, you are asking yourselves how does he know they had these secret meetings? Good question. Because Ted Hunt, Mitzi Grasso, Hank Hernandez and I had a meeting with Bill Lan Lee and Steve Rosenbaum. (Those guys are the Feds). When we arrived at our meeting we could see Mr. Feuer meeting with the Feds and when he saw us, the joyous look on his face changed to that "Oh S\*\*#@!" look. You know the one I'm talking about, you have all seen it when you make that great obs arrest. Needless to say he oozed out of the room without saying a word to us. The other villains in this story had a story written about the posh meeting room provided by Mr. Chaleff. I hope Kelly Martin ate enough cookies to cost them a fortune; she was the only person ever involved with this that stood up for you.

As the writing of this Consent Decree continued, the concern for the Citizens of Los Angeles were lost. The only people considered were themselves and how their pals at the ACLU would view them. They did not consider the fact that they were tying your hands and making it impossible to "Protect and Serve." The Consent Decree will cost millions of dollars. It will take hundreds of police officers off the streets. It will increase paperwork that will take the remaining police officers off the street and you tell me how safe will you be when everyone on the watch is in the station doing paperwork and you are the only unit in the field? These officers won't be booking bad guys because that will be to risky to their careers and their families' financial security, they will simply be doing the paperwork that is about to be imposed on you to keep track of who you are talking to while doing your job. My suggestion to you is, when you see that you are the only unit in the field, head for the station and wait for a unit to finish before going out. This is a reality; I'm not making this stuff up.

While we are losing more officers than we can recruit, the Consent Decree calls for putting 300 to 500 more officers inside to meet Consent Decree obligations and to police the Police. And do you think that this will improve promotions? Think again. The Department still needs the backbone officers of the Department, patrol. They can't have cars staffed with sergeants and lieutenants answering radio calls and taking reports. That means fewer detectives to solve crimes. And we all know what that means, crime will skyrocket. When crime skyrockets, business will leave the City. When business leaves the City and crime skyrockets, property values drop. When property values drop the City loses its

tax base. When the tax base is gone where is the money going to come from to pay you? Don't plan on any pay raises in the future and certainly not in the next contract negotiations. The City is sure to take this out on you and your family. Our only hope is to get Ken Hillman and Dennis Zine elected to City Council. There is no good news for you forthcoming from the Consent Decree. This is not the Los Angeles Police Department; this is the Los Angeles Federal Police Department.

I do believe that this is the final nail in the coffin of an already dying Police Department. I do believe officers will leave in droves and it will be impossible to recruit the best and brightest, and even if we do, we won't keep them. I believe an officer will be killed as a direct result of the Consent Decree and certainly the constituents of the City Council members that voted for this will lose their lives. If there was ever a time for you to get involved with government it is now. Don't miss the chance to tell people how this will affect them and tell them who brought this to them.

Remember James Hahn who is running for Mayor; he screwed you and every citizen in Los Angeles and he continues to do it today by settling case after case based on what the infamous liar Rafael Perez has said occurred. That won't end if he is elected, tell everyone that will listen, to vote for somebody else.

Remember Mike Feuer; he wants to be the next City Attorney. He screwed you and every citizen in Los Angeles and he wants to carry on in place of James Hahn. He led the way for the Feds. Tell everyone you know to vote for Lea Purwin D'Agostino. We need someone who believes in states' rights and the Constitution. We need someone to be a true champion of the people of Los Angeles and the police officers that serve those citizens. We need someone who won't open the treasure chest of the City to criminals who should be behind bars.

Remember Mr. Chaleff, he and his law firm stand to make untold millions as a result of this Consent Decree. He screwed you and every citizen in Los Angeles. I encourage you to write and call the mayor's office and demand his removal and encourage everyone you know to do the same thing.

And last and certainly not least, the Mayor and the City Council members that voted for this Consent Decree. They have jeopardized your safety and your family's financial future. They have opened the City up to the most expensive undertaking it has ever had. They have attempted to shift their responsibility to the Feds and it will lead to the ruin of our great City. I suggest that if you live in the City that you move out and if you own a business move it out. If you haven't been a crime victim you will be.

I hate to sound so grim but this is what is coming if we are unsuccessful in court. Your recourse is to vote people into office that will look out for your best interest or help those people get elected. Remember your future, your family's future and the future of the City that you work for are at stake.

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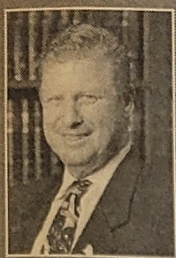
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The Police Commission, led by criminal defense attorney Gerald L. Chaleff (known for defending murderous scum like the Hillside Strangler) is setting the Department on a course to prosecute police officers for doing their job. The focus of reforms by the Commission that cares more about criminals than police officers is to review conduct by police officers for criminal prosecution. A recommendation is being made to establish two internal affairs units, one to investigate administrative misconduct of officers and another to investigate criminal behavior of police officers. The Commission has further recommended that because the Department is so inept, they need two years to investigate officer misconduct instead of one year.

You sure don't see Mr. Chaleff in Sacramento advocating the same statute extensions for his criminal friends. That is because his goal is to get a cop. He is recommending that the size of Internal Affairs Division

be greatly expanded with the emphasis on criminal filings against police officers. Integrity stings to entrap police officers.

Think about this, the City provides police service to the citizens of Los Angeles by hiring three (3) police officers for every 1,000 citizens. Mr. Chaleff is going to have one IAD headhunter for every 40 police officers. Something is wrong with this concept. The city is spending more resources to police the police than they are to protect the public. They will be working harder to put a police officer in jail than to put bonafide, hardcore criminals in the justice system. The message is clear that you have more to fear from a police officer than a criminal. Thank you, Mr. Chaleff and Bill Lan Lee. Your diligence and enthusiasm is advocating the rights of the criminal underclass and you are going to achieve your goals. You are tying both hands of police officers behind their backs and yet have the audacity of telling the officer to "fight fair." The ACLU is proud of you.

Mr. Chaleff and his band of police reformers are also really concerned about you. He and Bill Lan Lee are going to have your vehicle and pedestrian stops entered into the Orwellian TEAMS II computer. If you are a police officer in Hollenbeck and only contact persons of Hispanic ancestry, you're going to be targeted as a risk officer with racial bias. What does

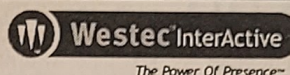
that tell officers working South Bureau or anywhere else that has demographics of ethnic classes that are protected by Title VII? Most of all don't forget that in Los Angeles, minorities are the majority.

If you conduct arrests or searches without a warrant, you are setting yourself up to be second-guessed, especially if the object of your enforcement is a protected class ethnic group. Get a warrant for everything or else face the consequences. Read Proposal 92 of the consent decree that says an investigation shall be initiated when in a criminal case, there has been an order suppressing evidence because of any constitutional violation or other misconduct. Any defense attorney that does not challenge evidence as being illegally seized is committing malpractice. Sometimes the court throws out evidence because they second-guess the officers rationale to seize evidence without a warrant. If an officer doesn't have a warrant, the officers will be subject to discipline for fourth amendment

violations. **Get a warrant for everything or else.** The FBI and district attorney investigators don't do anything without a warrant. Get the message?

The fact is, you cannot do proactive aggressive police work without getting complaints. The whole public, good and bad, knows they can get even with a cop by making complaints. Cops who do nothing don't get complaints and will be eligible for promotions because their TEAMS II record will be clean. The workers will suffer the consequences of Mr. Chaleff and his zealots of police reform. Their philosophy is clear-cut: put more IAD to police the police, and if all possible, send them to jail. I don't make this up. It's all in the consent decree and the reform proposals being delivered by your criminal friendly Police Commission.

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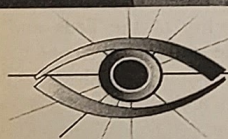
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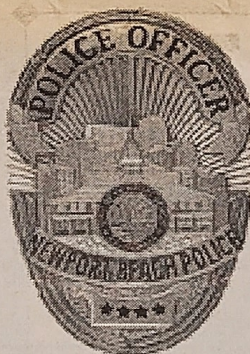
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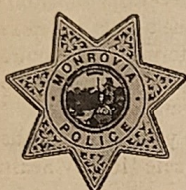
Peter and wish him and you great success.

In either case, it has been a true pleasure to have been your League Director for the last six years. There have been great challenges, tremendous rewards and occasionally unfortunate sadness. On balance, it's been a great experience.

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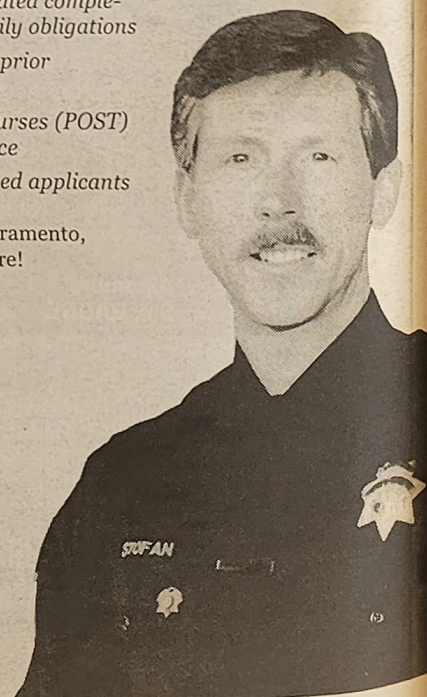
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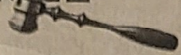






## A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



### Why The District Attorney Had To Go

I wish to thank attorney Harland Braun for his contribution to this article.

Under Gil Garcetti, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office has been in an ethical sewer for so long it has lost its sense of smell. The ethical conflicts created by the prosecution of LAPD officers Eddie Ortiz, Brian Liddy, Paul Harper and Mike Buchanan were so manifest that any average citizen who reads the Los Angeles Times could recite a litany of moral compromises. The District Attorney has prosecuted hundreds of innocent people in court proceedings in which it explicitly vouched for the credibility of convicted felon Rafael Perez. Prosecutors denounced innocent defendants as liars because the defendants or their defense attorneys had the audacity to contradict Rafael Perez. The District Attorney made a deal with Rafael Perez which required him, among other things, to take and pass polygraph exams. Although Rafael Perez flunked five polygraph exams, the District Attorney (with support from supervisors from the LAPD Rampart Task Force) continues to give Perez the benefits of his Faustian bargain.

Within the District Attorney's office, prosecutors who learned of the evil and

bad character of Rafael Perez and brought it to the attention of their supervisors have been denounced as incompetents. The District Attorney and supervisors from the LAPD Rampart Task Force have attempted to discredit the LAPD polygraph examiner who found the obvious. Rather than accepting their blunder, they have ruined the careers of many innocent LAPD officers and the polygraph operator.

The District Attorney has publicly taken the position that any conviction of a defendant resting on the uncorroborated testimony of Rafael Perez must be set aside because the basis of the conviction is inherently unreliable. As of this date, almost a hundred prosecutions have been so dismissed, and there may be more. Despite this public position, the District Attorney prosecuted officers Ortiz, Liddy, Harper and Buchanan based on the same uncorroborated testimony of Rafael Perez, which the District Attorney has publicly stated is insufficient evidence to convict. As a matter of fact, Perez was not even called as a prosecution witness during trial.

The District Attorney was facing a critical election last month. During the campaign, he was criticized by his opponents for being too slow to prosecute officers accused by Rafael Perez. Rather than confronting his detractors

because Perez uncorroborated testimony is so obviously worthless, the District Attorney decided to initiate prosecutions to appease his critics rather than making fair and non-political analysis of the evidence. Thus, the District Attorney prosecuted police officers to protect his political behind.

Lastly, the District Attorney's office has represented Rafael Perez in various LAPD Board of Rights' hearings. On several occasions during these hearings, when questions were asked of Perez by the defense, a member of the District Attorney would interpose objections. The only persons who have standing to object to a question during a Board of Rights are the LAPD Advocate, the accused Defense Rep or attorney, or an attorney representing a witness. Since the District Attorney was neither the Advocate nor the defense counsel at these hearings, it is clear that the District Attorney was appearing as Rafael Perez' attorney.

As you know, Los Angeles County will have a new District Attorney this month. We remain hopeful that he will do a better ethical job and we look forward to working with him to restore our faith in his office.

### League To Fight New Parking Fees

Since November, 1998, the League has been on record objecting to a proposed increase and expansion of parking fees at City facilities for officers' private vehicles and for City's home garaged vehicles and motorcycles. On October 25, 2000, over League's objec-

tions, the City Council adopted a new MOU on City employee parking. This new parking MOU was negotiated by a joint labor-management committee, which is comprised of representatives from both City management and unions/associations representing City employees.

On November 9, 2000, the League sent correspondence to the City Controller informing him that the League has rejected the City Council's approval of the implementation of the provisions of the special parking MOU for members of the Police Officers, Lieutenants and below bargaining unit. The League never agreed to the provisions regarding the new parking fees contained in the MOU, nor was the League a signatory to it. The Controller was strongly advised that unless each and every member who is to be affected by the parking MOU voluntarily provides the Controller with authorization to deduct the new parking fees going into effect January, 2001, he is not authorized to make such deductions from officers' payroll checks. In our view, any involuntary payroll deduction for the parking fees violate provisions of the FLSA and state Labor Code.

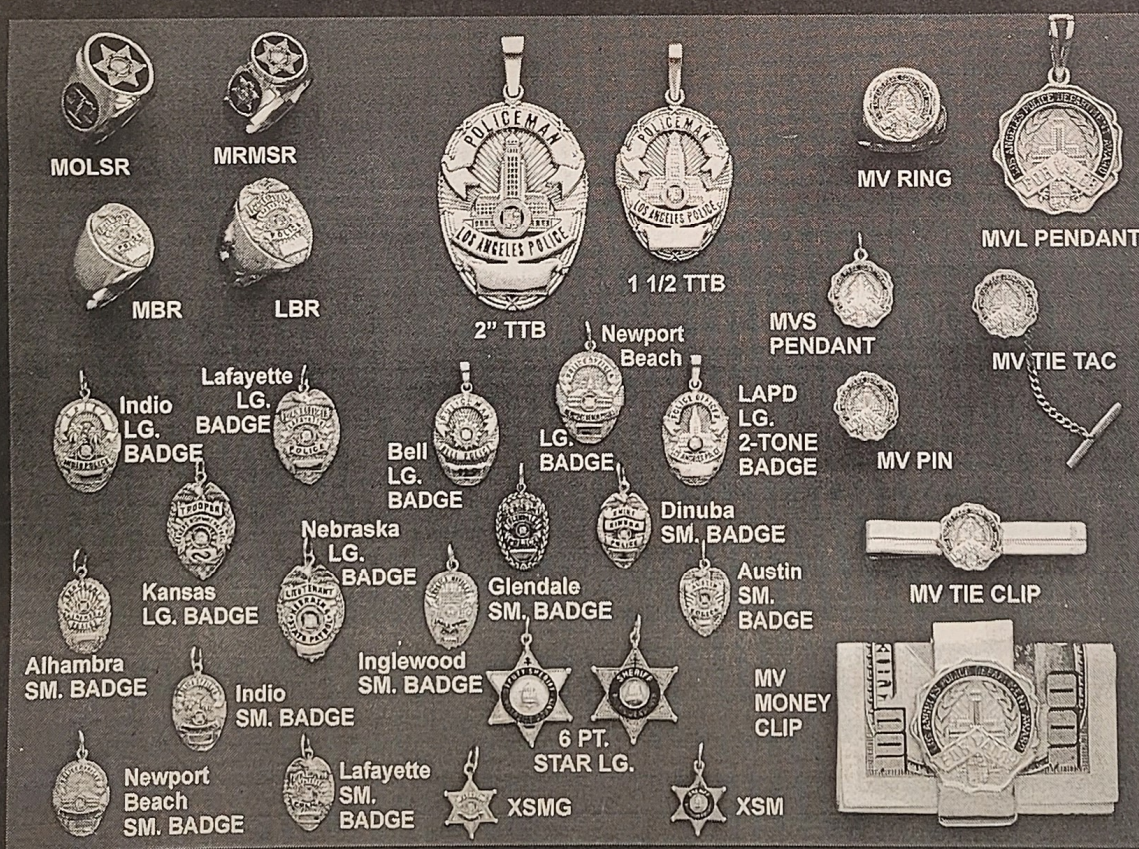
We wish to make it clear to all City officials that the League, as it has done in the past, will not hesitate to take legal action deemed necessary to enforce all wage laws on behalf of its members. We will keep you informed of all future significant developments as they occur regarding this matter.

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## WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for  
whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

—John Donne

### A Black and White Somewhere in the City in the Near Future

The black and white pulled out of the station parking lot. Smith was driving and McDonald had the books.

"You're looking ragged today partner," Smith said, "still staying up late studying that Consent Decree?"

"Yeah, I almost have it memorized," replied McDonald. "At first, I was looking for ways to go along with the program and still get some police work done. Now, I'm just looking for ways to survive the next five years with my career intact. I've got three kids and a mortgage."

"Well, its been two months since it went into effect and we're both still here," Smith said, maneuvering the black and white down an alley and out into a side street. "Wow," Smith continued, "that Honda just went through that stop sign like it wasn't there." Smith pulled in behind the violator and began to follow him.

"Can you tell his race?" McDonald asked straining to see into the vehicle ahead of them.

"No," said McDonald.

"Should I light him up and pull him over?" Smith asked his senior partner.

"No, once we stop him we have to fill out the motor vehicle stop form and record the apparent race of the suspect according to paragraph 104 of the Consent Decree. The race, ethnicity, or national origin of all of your stops will be attached to your serial number for the rest of your career. He might be Hispanic and I'm three Hispanics over. I can't afford to stop any more Hispanics," replied McDonald. "There is a whole section of the Consent Decree on audits and they are looking for any evidence whatsoever of racial bias. Expect computer generated pie charts of the race and ethnicity of all your stops to end up on some auditor's desk. No more Hispanic stops for me until I'm balanced out."

"Me neither. I'm four Hispanics over and three African-Americans over," said Smith, who was African-American. "My next stop has to be either Caucasian or Asian."

"Yeah, I'm light one Asian and I could probably get away with a Native American or a Caucasian." McDonald replied checking a tally he was keeping in his officer's field notebook.

The violator's car turned at the next intersection and accelerated into the number one lane giving the officers a clear view of the driver.

"Damn," Smith said, "Hispanic."

"OK, break it off," McDonald ordered, "let's head over to that high gang problem area. Maybe, an Asian will break the law between here and there and we can get through this bottleneck and start writing tickets again."

The black and white did a u-turn and headed towards the east side of the division.

"I heard a group of officers on night watch have just stopped writing tickets," Smith said, "maybe that's what we should do. This is too complicated."

"No, people still die in traffic accidents and tickets need to be written," McDonald said, "we just have to watch the proportion. It can be done. We just have to try harder."

"The real laugh," Smith said, "is that some computer is going to tag you with being a racist for stopping a disproportionate number of Hispanics and you're half Hispanic."

"Hey, being half Irish and half Hispanic has advantages," said McDonald, "I look like my father and speak Spanish like my mother. This has been a big surprise to some Hispanic gang members when they sit handcuffed in my back seat and tell their secrets to each other in Spanish in front of the Irish cop." McDonald smiled, then grew more somber. "It also means that I have some real insight into what is happening on the street in the gang areas. My cousin Ernesto was a member of the local gang in this area until

his three-year-old daughter was killed by a stray bullet in a drive-by last year. Since then, he has been feeding me information."

"Great source. What have you got?"

"Spider, who is out on bail on a double homicide, is carrying a .357 in his rear waistband. He is looking for anyone from the rival gang to even up last week's drive-by on his home-boys at the park. I know Spider and he knows me. If he's packing, he will walk away towards the apartments. If he is not, he will stand there and try to bogart us. Go down this alley, it will exit right on Spider's street."

Smith guided the black and white slowly down the alley. He dodged a couple of tipped over trash cans and coasted out into the street with minimum noise. A group of five gang members was standing on the corner. The sudden appearance of the police car startled them. One of their number began walking quickly away.

"That's Spider," McDonald said, pointing at the retreating figure.

"Let's stop him," Smith said, "I don't care if I am over limit on Hispanics, I'll equal my pie chart out later."

"No good," McDonald said, "I can't see the gun. He's got a long shirt on."

"So what?" said Smith, "you have plenty of probable cause from your cousin. He's a reliable informant. Let's get that gun off the street." He started accelerating the black and white towards Spider who was looking back at them with a panicky look on his face.

"That's just it. Paragraph 108 of the Consent Decree prohibits uniform officers from using informants. If he has the gun, I'll have to either name my cousin in the report or protect him by calling him a confidential reliable informant. If I call him an informant, I have violated the Consent Decree because patrol officers can't use informants. Even if he doesn't have the gun on him, we have to fill out a form giving our reason for stopping him. Same problem. Burn my cousin or break the rules. Like I said, I have a mortgage and three kids. Let him go."

Smith let up on the accelerator and the police car slid by Spider. Spider's look of panic changed to surprise and then, as he realized he wasn't going to be stopped, into a sly grin. He disappeared between the apartments.

McDonald looked over at his partner. "Cheer up," he said, "it's our area. When he shoots somebody, we will be assigned the call. Then we can stop him. According to Paragraph 32 of the Consent Decree, if he is the subject of a call for service, technically it is not a stop where race is a factor and it is not tracked in your racial enforcement profile."

Smith looked at his partner. He liked the big cop. He knew McDonald would keep struggling with the rules and trying to do his best to protect the community. Smith decided not to tell McDonald that he wouldn't be his partner for much longer. Montebello PD was in the final stage of hiring Smith. Smith knew that one day, he just wouldn't be here.

"You know," Smith said, half to himself, "I've never made the decision to take police action based on the color of someone's skin in my life. Isn't not taking police action because of the color of someone's skin pretty much the same thing?"

"It's what they want," McDonald said simply, "racially balanced, non-proactive police work. We just have to figure out how to follow these rules and stay out of trouble."

"Following the rules isn't enough," Smith said. "The geniuses that thought this new system up forgot one thing. Nothing in the Consent Decree prohibits management from demanding recap on everything from field interviews to tickets."

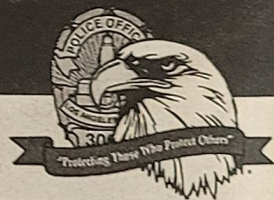
"That's why we have to find that Asian traffic violator," McDonald said, "let's head over to the freeway. There's more racial diversity in traffic violations over there."

Be legally careful out there.

**Note:** Download the Final Consent Decree by going to [www.lacity.org](http://www.lacity.org) and clicking on LAPD Reform.

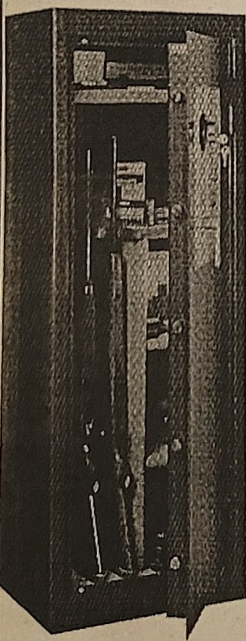
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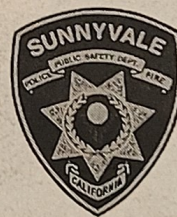
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## Hunt

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the civil and human rights of citizens, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) threatened to sue the City of Los Angeles and LAPD if they did not enter into a consent decree with DOJ.

Many officers telephoned and e-mailed complaints about DOJ. "They have no right to stand in judgement about 'pattern and practice,'" wrote one officer, "because they are the same people who were responsible for killing over a hundred children at Waco and shooting at an unarmed woman in the head while she stood on her Ruby Ridge porch holding her infant."

Notwithstanding, we tried to get a seat at the table to be a part of the solution and planning. But our League was deliberately excluded from the negotiations which were conducted by high level bureaucrats in secret sessions, behind closed doors. The ultimate so-called agreement was passed by City Council. We are actively pursuing the matter in court.

I believe the Consent Decree, if ultimately implemented, will do nothing to improve LAPD. The reason, the two most affected elements of the consent decree, the officers and the people of LA, were left out of the talks. People who know little or nothing about police work, people with good intentions, albeit almost all of them lawyers, designed systems to "reform" the way police work is done.

The Consent Decree will cost millions of dollars. Think of it as a full employment act for unemployed lawyers.

One horror came on an early May morning when members of the District Attorney's Office invaded the homes of

17 officers. Children were held at gun point, suspended officers were humiliated and shoved around in their own homes. We were first notified as the raids were being conducted. Although we quickly protested, the raids were all but completed by the time we were able to respond. I went on the news condemning the improper actions. And yet another shock came last month when three of four officers were found guilty.

During the year, the number of personnel complaints and Boards of Rights have sky rocketed. (See box for a comparison) In the Rafael Perez scandal, there have been approximately 50 Boards of Rights in which the League has provided defense for the officers. Of those approximately 50 cases, only one officer has been found guilty. Of the total number of Boards of Rights in the year 2000, Defense Representatives won approximately 60 percent of the cases. That means 60 percent of the time, officers were found not guilty. Hurray for Defense Reps.

Morale remains extremely low. Officers are leaving LAPD in record numbers. Once 10,000 officers strong, we have dropped to approximately 8,800 in three years. We can not recruit new officers. The City Council blunders on foolishly making policy after policy that does nothing, or worse yet, passes policies that assist in driving officers out of LAPD.

The key problems have been and remain the inherent **inefficiency and unfairness of the 1.28 system, the failure to implement Flexible Scheduling and an inadequate pension system.**

### IS THERE HOPE?

The leadership of Los Angeles for the rest of the decade will be decided in mid 2001. The future of the City is in the hands of the electorate. All three executive offices — Mayor, City

Attorney and Controller — are up for grabs as well as seven of the 15 council seats.

Two of our Board members are running for City Council — Ken Hillman (15th CD - San Pedro, Wilmington up to Watts) and Dennis P. Zine (3rd CD - West Valley). Many other friends are running for Council.

The well known and "tough as nails" Deputy District Attorney Lea Purwin

D'Agostino is running for City Attorney. She is a long time friend of LAPD officers and our League.

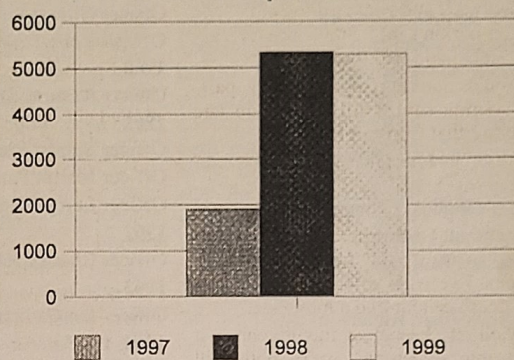
There are six credible candidates running for Mayor. All of them have generated over \$1 million for their campaigns. We need to back the candidate who is best for the City and best for LAPD officers.

There is hope. But freedom and democracy come with a price. We must constantly work toward protecting our rights and privileges. "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom." The

right people need to be elected to positions of authority and responsibility. It is our responsibility to ourselves, our Department and our City.

With this Holiday Season, there is promise for a better future. We are going to win because we are right. All we want to do is to be able to do our job, to protect and to serve with dignity and respect.

## Formal Complaints Filed



### Formal Complaints Filed 1997 (1.81 system) Compared to 1998 & 1999 (1.28 system)

In the report of the Rampart Independent Review Panel, there is an unequivocal demonstration of how the 1.28 System has "overburdened . . . supervision and officer morale without achieving credibility with the public."

As depicted in the graph, in 1997 there were 1,912 "formal complaints . . . filed, investigated and adjudicated." In 1998 and 1999 the number of formal complaints jumped to 5,339 and 5,284 respectively. That massive increase has impacted all systems associated with personnel complaints. The 1.28 system has been an ineffective burden on both the taxpayers and the Department.

Source: *Report of the Rampart Independent Review Panel*, page 90.

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Officer John B. Wicks

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Officer John M. Brinnegar

### 1929

Officer John M. Schomaker  
Officer Louis Long  
Officer William H. Marple

### 1930

Officer James C. Costello  
Officer Peter Muller  
Officer Verne A. Brindley

### 1931

Officer James L. Beck  
Officer Henry C. Jackson

### 1932

Officer Hugh A. Crowley  
Officer Paul Donath  
Lieutenant Paul Lee

### 1933

Officer William Anderson

### 1934

Officer Russell A. Leidy

### 1935

Officer Alfred C. Madon  
Officer Owen D. Yancey

### 1936

Sergeant E. A. Barber  
Officer Clyde Pritchett

### 1937

Officer Donald Tisdale  
Officer Neville Batt  
Officer E. J. Bickel

### 1938

Officer W. E. Long  
Lieutenant George C. Howard  
Officer Weymouth T. Lockridge

### 1939

Lieutenant Harry G. Emsley  
Officer William G. Brown

### 1940

Officer Orley O. Saner

### 1941

Officer George R. Colvin  
Officer F. E. Stansell  
Officer Joseph Daniels  
Officer Warren Chamberlain

### 1942

Officer Lee Bunch  
Officer Varlo Deiro

### 1944

Officer James Summers

### 1945

Sergeant Charles Bridgeman  
Officer Isaac Lankford  
Officer Norbert Huseman

### 1946

Officer Jack Harris  
Officer Walter Kesterson  
Reserve Officer Albert James Williams  
Reserve Officer G. B. Mogle

### 1947

Officer Frank Panek  
Officer Frederick Wales  
Officer John Naccarato

### 1948

Officer Delmer Cook

### 1949

Officer John Milton

### 1950

Officer Roland White  
Officer Glenn Clark  
Officer James Vose

### 1951

Officer Thomas Kennedy  
Officer Chester Gildehause

### 1952

Sergeant Marvin Haney  
Officer James Kennard  
Officer Lloyd Hassler

### 1954

Officer John Dunphy

### 1955

Detective Clay Hunt

### 1956

Officer Harry Miller

### 1957

Officer Leo Wise  
Officer Robert Christensen

### 1958

Officer Thomas Scebbi  
Officer Joseph Bennett  
Sergeant Gene Nash

### 1959

Officer Jose Castellanos  
Officer Charles Bogardus  
Officer Gilbert Reyes  
Officer Robert Sweet

### 1960

Officer Richard Kent

### 1961

Officer Sidney Riegel  
Officer Martin Parker  
Officer Leroy Wadsworth

### 1962

Officer Charles Hallenbeck

### 1963

Officer Ian Campbell

### 1964

Officer Robert Endler  
Officer Charles Monaghan  
Officer Norm Piepenbrink

### 1965

Officer Gary Mc Donald

### 1966

Officer Malcomb Beaty  
Officer Keith Du Puis  
Officer John Smith  
Officer Alex Ilnicki  
Officer Larry Amberg

### 1967

Officer Roger Warren, Jr.

### 1968

Officer Donald Highley  
Officer Oscar J. Bryant  
Officer Gary Murakami

### 1969

Officer Robert Cote  
Officer Jerry Maddox

### 1970

Officer Earl Riddick  
Officer Michael Parker

### 1971

Officer Phillip Riley

### 1972

Officer Kenneth Walters

### 1973

Officer Fred Early  
Officer Charles Caraccila  
Officer John T. Lawler  
Investigator Gerald Sawyer

### 1974

Officer Michael Edwards  
Commander Paul Gillen  
Officer Garth Ward

### 1975

Officer Michael Mc Dougal  
Officer Vincent Leusch

### 1976

Officer Zlatko Sintic  
Officer Jeffrey Lindenberg  
Officer Raymond Hicks

### 1977

Officer David Bailey

### 1979

Officer James Choquette  
Officer David Kubly

### 1980

Detective Curtis Hagele

### 1981

Officer Steven Alberts

### 1983

Reserve Officer Stuart Taira  
Officer Paul Verna  
Officer Jack Evans  
Officer Arthur Soo Hoo  
Officer William Wong

### 1984

Officer Duane C. Johnson

### 1985

Detective Thomas C. Williams

### 1986

Officer Ronald L. Ball  
Detective Arleigh E. Mc Cree

### 1987

Officer Randol L. Marshall  
Officer James H. Pagliotti

### 1988

Officer James Beyea  
Officer Daniel Pratt  
Officer Derrick Connor  
Officer Manuel Gutierrez  
Officer David Hofmeyer

### 1989

Officer Kelly Key  
Detective Norm Echols

### 1990

Detective Russell Kuster

### 1991

Officer Tina Kerbrat  
Officer Randy Champe  
Officer Gary Howe

### 1992

Officer David Schmid  
Officer Ray Messerley  
Detective Edward Kislo

### 1993

Officer Joe Rios

### 1994

Officer Clarence Wayne Dean  
Officer Christy Lynn Hamilton  
Officer Charles Dean Heim

### 1995

Officer Gabriel Perez-Negron

### 1996

Officer Mario Navidad

### 1997

Officer Van Derrick Johnson

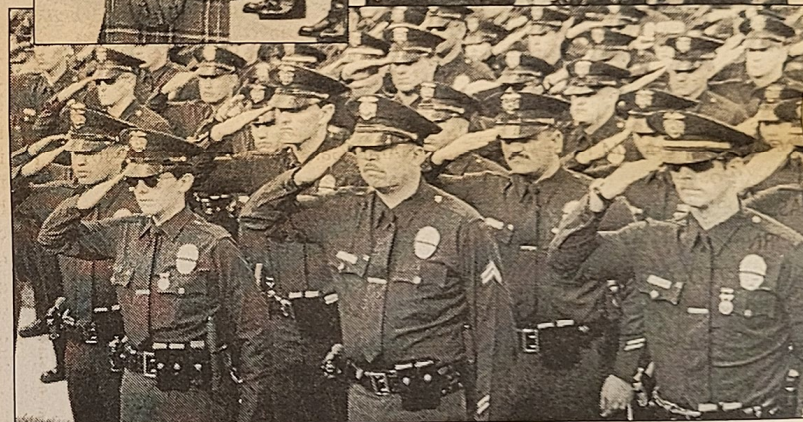
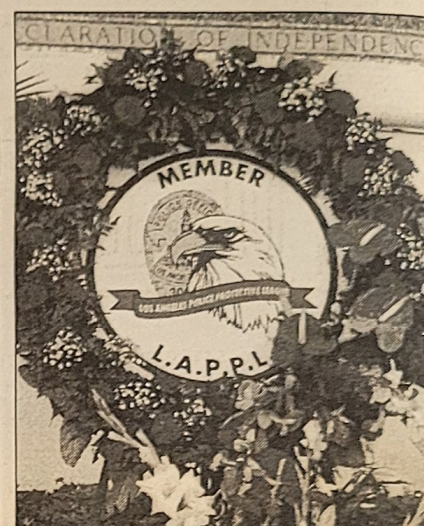
### 1998

Officer Steven Gajda  
Officer Filbert H. Cuesta, Jr.  
Officer Brian E. Brown

### 2000

Officer Louis Villalobos  
Officer Robert Mata

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## Police Officers: Going Against the Odds

(NAPS) — They live — and die — for our safety: America's police officers. Numbering about 740,000, these brave men and women battle an enormous volume of crime—and more than 15,000 have lost their lives in the fight, since the first recorded police death in 1794. Consider the statistics:

o In 1997 alone, there were nearly 35 million crimes in the U.S., an average of more than one crime every second.

o A total of 1,596 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the last ten years, an average of one death every 54 hours.

o On average, one law enforcement officer is killed somewhere in America nearly every other day. More than 65,000 are assaulted each year and about 23,000 are injured.

The number of police deaths rose sharply during the first six months of 2000, two national police organizations report. Seventy-six officers were killed in the 2000-26 were shot to death—representing more than a 13 percent increase over the 67 officers who lost their lives during the same period last year.

"These numbers are very troubling, especially at a time when the nation's overall crime rate has been on a steady decline," says Craig W. Floyd, chairman of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), a nonprofit group that tracks law enforcement fatalities. "This is stark proof that no matter how great the danger, our police officers always put the safety of others before their own."

To honor America's fallen police officers, NLEOMF raises funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, dedicated in 1991 by President George Bush. Located on Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C., the Memorial honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcers. Inscribed on the Memorial's blue-gray marble walls are the names of the more than 15,000 officers who have been killed in the line of duty. Designed by Washington, D.C. architect Davis Buckley, the Memorial grounds feature nearly 60,000 plants and 128 trees. Each spring, some 14,000 orange and yellow daffodils make the Memorial one of Washington's most spectacular attractions.

To find out more about the Memorial and how you can support it and America's police officers, go to [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org).



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. **Letters must be limited to 350 words or less.** Letters over the limit will be returned for editing by the writer. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Fellow Officers:

On behalf of the men and women assigned to the Harbor Community Police Station, I would like to thank you for your kind expression of sympathy as we grieve the loss of Officer Robert Mata. These acts of thoughtfulness and generosity have been very comforting to all of us and are sincerely appreciated. Officer Mata was a loyal and committed officer, dedicated to his mission to protect and serve the citizens of this community, and we deeply feel his loss and grieve for his family.

As you know, a trust account has been opened for Robert's wife, Holly,

and their daughters, five-year-old Kalei and two-year-old Pilani. The donations sent in Robert's memory to the fund in care of Harbor station have been forwarded to the Robert Mata Blue Ribbon Trust Account. In addition, we have forwarded the many cards and letters of condolence sent to the Mata family in care of the station. I know that they too will take solace in the knowledge that they are in the thoughts and prayers of so many.

Very truly yours,  
Bernard C. Parks  
Chief of Police

Lisa (Office Manager),

I am sending this small token to you and your staff for my appreciation of all the hard work that you all did during the negotiations for the new MOU. The service that you and your staff did was beyond that of your job description. I thank all of you, this Union could not operate without you. Lisa, you and your staff are the best!

Tom Anderson (Delegate)

Hi Dennis,

This is retired Sgt. Joe Gonzales. I received my League plaque on Saturday. It was great. Thanks for all your help you have done for me in the past. Keep up the good work and keep the troops happy. Don't be too friendly with your Jefe Parks. My wife, Andrea, says thank you and hello. Have a good day.

Joe Gonzales

On July 1, 2000, we (Allen Shepherd and Steven O'Neal, assigned to Southeast Area) realized our worst nightmare was about to begin. We were relieved of duty on an investigation that Internal Affairs only had two weeks to investigate before the one-year-old investigation statute ran out. The allegations were based on one-on-one credibility issues. Additionally, the complainant gave numerous conflicting statements and accounts of what occurred. The I.A. investigator stated at the Board of Rights under oath that it was not their responsibility to find out the truth but to interview all parties involved and to only give their statements. Furthermore, the investigator stated that they are only fact finders and that resolving discrepancies is the responsibility of the adjudicator. (By the way, the adjudicator makes his decision based on the investigator's findings.) The complainant refused to be interviewed by the defense or to show up at the Board of Rights. We understand the statute problems and the seriousness of the allegations. However, we felt we were "rubber stamped," relieved of duty in an assembly line of officers that are being persecuted in this political environment. What happened to the LAPD family? Does the department not care what our families went through, never mind not getting paid for four months and the financial hardship we incurred?

We want to wholeheartedly thank the Board members, civilian Donna Wade, Capt. Mayweather and Commander Papa for seeking out the truth and finding Allen Shepherd directed verdict of not guilty on all counts and Steve O'Neal directed verdict on 8 counts and not-guilty on 2 counts. Additionally, we want to thank the defense team for their endless hours of hard work and devotion. Attorney Cathy Shipe from Leipold, Donohue and Shipe, attorneys at law, (714) 796-1555. This was Mrs. Shipe's first Board of Rights and she did an outstanding, kick-butt job. Special thanks to the defense reps Corina Draper-Lee and Mike Laufer. Once again thank you to the above mentioned individuals for saving our careers and to their families who supported them during this process. I really want to thank my wife, Danielle for her everlasting support and devotion and faith in me.

Allen Shepherd, #33750  
Steve O'Neal, #33740

Dear Dennis:

I was reading an article in the local paper about the agreement between the feds and the city affecting the LAPD. Seems like they want an awful lot. It also said that the Chief is against the agreement and the city expects a lot of trouble from the League. I guess the Chief will lose a large part of his control when the agreement goes into effect. When are you going to retire and get away from all of that mess? I learned one thing when I retired. There is life after the LAPD. I loved every minute of my time there but I really haven't missed it a day since I left. I can't imagine being on the job now. I don't know how the guys put up with all of the job stress today. Well, yes I do. It was a fantastic career and I'm sure the guys on the street have the same opinion.

That is what gets you through. The knowledge that you are one of the finest and accomplishing something that few have the stomach for or the guts to put on the blues and put it on the line to "Protect and Serve." When you work with and are around that type of individual, you have great pride as a group and a sense that "I did something good today."

Well, hang in there, pal. I know when you decide to retire you will have the same feeling and be able to say, "I did something good for all those years."

Regards,  
Jim McGarry

## END OF WATCH



NAME: Wayne E. Butts #4139  
RANK: Sergeant  
ASSIGNED TO: Venice - Detectives  
BORN: July 19, 1924  
APPOINTED: August 20, 1945  
RETIRED: July 10, 1967  
DIED: October 5, 2000

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NAME: Endel "Ed" Jurman #10444  
RANK: Sergeant I  
ASSIGNED TO: Communications  
BORN: October 19, 1936  
APPOINTED: October 26, 1959  
RETIRED: January 27, 1984  
DIED: October 15, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Lawrence M. Root #5280  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Property  
BORN: October 12, 1924  
APPOINTED: January 6, 1948  
RETIRED: January 7, 1973  
DIED: October 8, 2000

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NAME: Gary Ray Merrifield #12461  
RANK: Sergeant  
ASSIGNED TO: Foothill  
BORN: July 20, 1941  
APPOINTED: August 2, 1965  
RETIRED: January 8, 1992  
DIED: October 15, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Charles B. Scott #2963  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: 77th  
BORN: February 12, 1918  
APPOINTED: July 6, 1942  
RETIRED: September 14, 1962  
DIED: October 9, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Ernest M. Gunther #4714  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Valley  
BORN: March 29, 1924  
APPOINTED: July 1, 1947  
RETIRED: July 18, 1967  
DIED: October 16, 2000

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NAME: Elmer D. Carlson #5464  
RANK: Sergeant I  
ASSIGNED TO: Central  
BORN: February 2, 1926  
APPOINTED: April 26, 1948  
RETIRED: May 12, 1974  
DIED: October 13, 2000

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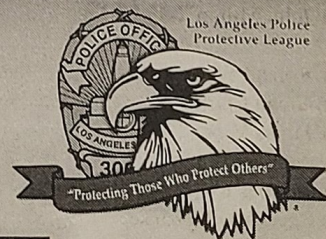
NAME: Marvin A. Kilpatrick #11137  
RANK: Lieutenant I  
ASSIGNED TO: Central Traffic  
BORN: September 4, 1939  
APPOINTED: April 30, 1962  
RETIRED: August 1, 1987  
DIED: October 22, 2000

NAME: Willie Nunley #10044  
RANK: Policeman III  
ASSIGNED TO: Metro  
BORN: April 24, 1933  
APPOINTED: February 10, 1958  
RETIRED: March 7, 1984  
DIED: October 24, 2000

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# POLITICAL FRONTLINE



## Recruitment

by Councilwoman Cindy Miskowski  
Chair, Public Safety Committee

The Los Angeles Police Department is desperately looking for 884 good men and women. That's the difference between its current authorized size, 10,054 officers, and its actual strength, 9,170. As members of the Department know, the problem is getting worse. Recruitment, once an easy process, is now so difficult that the LAPD has not had a recruit class in two months.

Shortly after his election in 1993, Mayor Richard Riordan called for intensified recruitment to enlarge the Department by 2,855 officers by mid-1998. Powerful assistance came from Washington as the Clinton Crime Bills of the 1990's earmarked millions for cities to hire more police. Los Angeles received funding sufficient to hire 680 new officers annually, who would be assigned primarily to patrol and community policing.

In 1993, we had fewer than 8,000 officers. By 1995 we were hiring 100 a month. The Department peaked at about 9,800 officers in fiscal 1997-98. So why today's critical shortage? The answer is not simple; it has been a combination of factors, including one major national trend beyond the City's ability to control.

In 1998, the number of people taking the police officer exam began to slide, bottoming in 1999. One reason is that a booming economy and low unemployment made people who would otherwise seek a law enforcement career look to the thriving private sector instead. The impact has been felt by departments nationwide.

L.A.'s tough standards for police candidates make recruitment even harder. These factors, plus today's heightened, Rampart-related scrutiny of the

Department and slumping officer morale, have brought hiring to an all-time low. Even more troubling, the Department's attrition rate is double its hiring rate.

These facts portray a stark reality — we have a crisis. Critical review and swift action are vital if we are to achieve any meaningful success, and if there are to be enough officers added to the Department to give existing officers the safety and security they need and the numbers necessary to do well the job they were hired for, protecting the people of Los Angeles.

A year ago, at the request of Department management, the City began casting a wider net, seeking recruits out of state. But the more than 7,000 out-of-state applicants tested in 11 months have yielded only 10 job offers. Many of these few applicants can't afford to move to Los Angeles for training, while others are still in school or the military. Clearly, out-of-state recruiting has failed to deliver on its promise.

The Department needs 1,500 applicants each month for enough recruits for an Academy class of 90. Experience shows that 80 percent of recruits are lost during background investigation. Many are dropped through "soft disqualification" — things like credit problems, complaints by prior employers or integrity issues. Most soft disqualifications begin a year-long shuffling of the applicant's file between background investigators and the Personnel Department. Many candidates eliminated at this stage have no idea why, and they become frustrated with the lack of information they receive, eventually losing interest. Others are snatched up by other law enforcement agencies while waiting to hear from the City.

The long-term solutions are elusive, but there are specific steps the City can

take right away to address its recruitment problems. One is to create an expeditor unit of case workers to oversee "soft-disqualification" candidates and resolve background investigation glitches. The role of these case workers would be to communicate with candidates regularly to ensure their continued viability and job interest and to assure applicants they've not been forgotten. An expeditor unit is essential to retaining more candidates throughout recruitment. Case workers should be present from the very beginning of recruitment, meeting candidates at initial testing and then following them through the background investigation, functioning as the crucial link between the Department and recruits.

Beyond refocusing the Department's growth efforts on local recruitment and making application easier for applicants, we must examine other possible immediate remedies. One is restructuring the work done by current officers. Only one-third of sworn officers are now on patrol — roughly 3,000, in a city with a population more than 1,300 times that amount. The remainder are in special units and administration. Sadly, seven years of accelerated police hiring has put surprisingly few cops on the street. We must focus on what our officers actually do, with a strong community presence in the basic car configuration as our highest priority. True community-based policing depends on having officers visible on the street.

Another solution is to expand the student worker program. Newly re-started after a 22-year lapse, this program takes recent high school graduates, many from law enforcement magnet programs or Junior ROTC, and provides them jobs in the Department while they attend college. It allows young people to experience real police work, and it whets their appetites for a career in law enforcement. It bridges the gap between high school graduation and

age 21, when applicants can join the force.

Without this bridge we have been losing dedicated young people, interested in law enforcement, to other careers. This only makes the task of current officers tougher. This year's student worker program was funded for only 30 positions; they'll be hired by January. The program is a popular, important recruitment tool and must be expanded. Moreover, the student worker program seems to be a stimulus to advancement within the Department. Many of today's senior department managers were enrolled in this program before its termination in 1978.

One factor in our retention problem is simply a characteristic of "generation-X." Young people today change careers frequently. Many young officers resign to join other police departments with more competitive salaries, benefits and retirement, while others simply choose new careers.

Though the basic problem is beyond the City's control, a solution to how it impacts our recruitment and retention efforts may be within our grasp. We must create incentives for officers to stay with the LAPD. Things like more competitive salaries and pensions will have to be considered. Defining what specific incentives are needed and how they can be funded is a task of crucial importance to City leadership, and one which cannot be delayed.

The Los Angeles Police Department has a long and distinguished history as one of the most respected law enforcement agencies in the nation. In the past, people would come from other states just to be part of the "LAPD." The decision to be a police officer should communicate courage and integrity to the public and demand its respect. It's time to restore those ideals, bolster our officers' morale and reaffirm the department's ideal of a compact with our citizens to "Protect and Serve."

## Binding Arbitration Bill Signed by Governor

**SB 402 provides fair and peaceful method for resolving bargaining disputes while still protecting public**

In what has been called the most important legislative measure for rank-and-file public safety officers since Proposition 172, the Public Safety

Initiative, the California Legislature has approved and Governor Gray Davis has signed Senate Bill 402.

The bill, jointly authored by Assembly Speaker Emeritus Antonio R. Villaraigosa and Senate President Pro Tempore John Burton, encompasses an historic agreement between the elected sheriffs, police chiefs, the firefighters, police groups and the Governor that

provides an important floor of protection for employers and employees alike.

"I am very proud to have my name on this bill," said Villaraigosa, "because of the long-term benefits it will now provide for peace officers and firefighters throughout California. It ensures both stable employee relations and the continuous availability of firefighting and law enforcement services to all Californians. We have managed to achieve a very important balance."

SB 402 establishes the first statewide binding arbitration standard, letting local public safety professionals take any economic issue that has hit an impasse in collective bargaining before a three-person arbitration panel when all other possibilities of a settlement have been exhausted.

The binding arbitration procedure called for in SB 402 is initiated only after an impasse has been declared, after all efforts to reach a collective bargaining agreement have failed. Arbitration is conducted by a three-member panel made up of a neutral party and representatives of labor and management. Under the bill, the scope of arbitration is limited to economic issues only and the employee organization is required to pay the costs of the arbitration panel.

"After 30 years of effort, all of California's jurisdictions will finally have a fair and peaceful method for resolving bargaining disputes, while protecting public safety," said Villaraigosa. "Currently, 21 jurisdictions in California have binding arbitration agreements, and none have had strikes or walkouts. This speaks volumes about the effectiveness of binding arbitration."

Villaraigosa continued, "SB 402 is carefully constructed to put the fairest possible process to work when the only other option is a strike. Binding arbitration works, is fair to both sides, and is fiscally sound. Firefighters and law enforcement officers perform critical service daily by protecting the lives and property of all Californians. They would rather not go on strike—but without the ability to enter into binding arbitration, they often have no choice."

"Thanks to this important new law, we can now ensure that rank and file law enforcement officers in California can join those in other states that have benefited from the fair and effective binding arbitration process."

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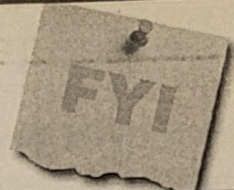
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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## Not Forgotten

By Phil Walters

The name Harvey McAllister probably won't ring a bell with many people nowadays, except friends and relatives. His name first came to my attention by way of a note from his niece, LAPD Det. Julie McAllister (DSD). She asked if we (Motors) would send her uncle, retired Motor Sgt. Harvey McAllister, a card or letter to help lift his spirits during this difficult time in his life. Harvey, now 80 years old, suffers from diabetes and recently had both legs amputated. This procedure results in a wide range of emotional ups and downs. Depression is sometimes difficult to treat at the rehabilitation hospital

100 miles north of L.A. where he spends most of his time. With this information in hand, Sgts. Myers and Harris (Specialized Enforcement Unit) made the necessary contacts to arrange a road trip to Bakersfield. Within a day or two, six motor officers were following Sgt. Myers northbound on the 5 Freeway over the Grapevine to see Harvey. We enjoyed a ten-mile detour (TOUR) of Bakersfield via Sgt. Myers' Internet map before arriving at Harvey's clinic.

The staff was all impressed that we would ride all that way to visit a man that most of us had never worked with or even met before. We walked into a large physical therapy room and there

in front of us was Harvey, seated in a wheelchair missing both legs. As we introduced ourselves and talked with him, we soon learned that Harvey never lost any PRIDE in being an LAPD

times in his life. He looked over our motors with admiration and said, "Sure could have used those shotguns on the bikes in my day." Our short but meaningful visit was coming to an end. In a



September 28, 2000. Left to right: Tim Wienckowski, Phil Walters, Engelbert Quenenberger, Wally Carr, Joanna Needham, Sergeant Doug Myers, Mario Cruz, Retired Motor Sergeant Harvey McAllister #5007

motor cop. You could see his face light up as he recounted several war stories during his tour of duty with LAPD. Officer Tim Wienckowski, #15676, was fortunate enough in 1974 to go to Harvey's retirement party. Tim told Harvey how he will always remember his statement, "You ain't s—t UNLESS you wore a soft hat." Motor officers wore a soft hat as part of their uniform before helmets were required. Sgt. Myers presented Harvey with a "Motor Squad" baseball hat, a small LAPD motorcycle toy and a nice card signed by us all.


Harvey was proud that his LAPD family had not forgotten him. We all went out front where the motors were parked to say goodbye. Harvey's nurse told us that this was the best mental therapy for him during these trying

column of twos, we rode past Harvey with emergency lights on. He was sitting as tall and straight as possible at attention saluting us as we rode by, his eyes full of pride.

As we rode back to Los Angeles, I realized the need to support our LAPD family with something as simple as a call, letter or a quick visit. Harvey told us that we get beat up so much in the news that we need to pat each other on the back sometimes to keep our spirits up. This moment in time won't sell many newspapers; however, we all felt proud with our chosen occupation.

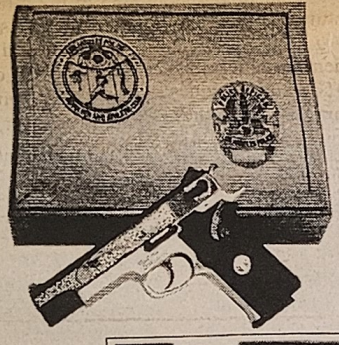

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Thoughts on One LAPD Life

Three months ago Dennis Zine wrote an article covering the suicide of a veteran sergeant. The article described how this person took his life. What the article did not address, and could not, is why. I feel that I have a special role with that word suicide, and the emotions that lead up to the finality of the act. No, I'm not a psychologist. I don't have a college degree. I am not a registered therapist. I am a 62-year-old male who retired from what I believe is the greatest police organization on the face of this earth. I consider myself one of the most fortunate people to walk this earth, because I should be in a penal institution for numerous crimes I would have committed if it were not for the desire to become a Los Angeles Police Officer.

After reading Dennis' article, I immediately sat down and tried to chronicle my own emotional problems that I had been battling for 30 years. Yes, 30 years. Then, when I finished, I began to think of what other people who knew me for all these years would begin to think of me. In a lucid moment, I thought to myself, "Screw it, everybody thought I was crazy anyway, and this will just prove it." I find this extremely difficult, so please bear with me, for I am about to reveal certain facts that I find very unpleasant to think about, not to mention to write, and then have everybody read. But suicides amongst us must stop. If I, as a human being, can shed a little light on suicide and what leads up to it, and help save one police officer, then it's worth it.

When I was brought into this world, it is said we do not choose our parents, and believe me I would not have chosen mine. My father was an illiterate Greek immigrant who came to America, grew up in the streets of Chicago and Los Angeles. My mother was a second generation Greek/Russian, and by the age of nineteen had two small children, my half-brothers, and was married to a drunk. She left Chicago and eventually settled in Los Angeles.

My father, when he met my mother, was a professional gambler, an enforcer for the various gambling outfits that operated in and around Los Angeles in the '30s and '40s. They met and had me. They didn't even bother to get mar-

ried. By the age of six I had been sexually molested twice, had witnessed my father try to kill my mother, was tossed into the arms of my father by a mother who could not raise a disruptive, mean, hyperactive six-year-old. Well my father, who lived in a small hotel room at 2nd & Hill, could not handle me either, so my father dumped me in the hands of two Greek women in South Central Los Angeles, and there I stayed. That lasted a year until it became apparent that I wasn't going to stay with anybody except my father.

For the years up to 1950 I lived with my father at the Northern Hotel, 210 W. 2nd St., Room 735. During those years, I came to know the world of loneliness and despair. During those years, I came to know what the word beating was. During those years, I came to know what sexual molestation was. During those years, I knew the word survival, and the meaning of right and wrong.

I remember being locked in a small hotel room while my father was out. Mind you he was a professional gambler. I would entertain myself by hiding under the bed and listening to radio shows like Gangbusters and Dragnet. By going to movies along Broadway, my heroes were the good guys. My heroes were police officers who chased down the bad guys. My villains were the no-caring parents who really did not care about this kid who had so much loneliness, but who had a dream. Just when I thought it couldn't get any worse, it did.

Over the next five years, I found myself abandoned in Athens, Greece, while my father traveled back and forth between Greece and the United States. I lived with relatives, but they even grew tired of this rebellious American who seemed not to be able to be happy. Christ, I just wanted to go home. In 1954, home I came, leaving a father behind that I had threatened to kill if he laid another hand on me. From that day my father feared me.

In the fall of 1988, I had just turned 50. I was a Det./Sgt. assigned to West Valley Detectives, and I had been contemplating suicide on and off since 1970. For 18 years I had been to the Department psychologist. I was suffering from anxiety attacks. I was a very

sad person. But let me finish what happened on that fall day. I was in the Promenade Shopping Center drinking a cup of coffee with my wife and grandchild. While seated, I could feel tears running down my cheeks. I was crying, but a silent cry. The previous night I had a dream, a dream in vivid color that I was killing people. Yes, I've had these dreams in the past. Colorful dreams full of blood, suspects would die, and I would wake up feeling euphoric. Feeling exhilarated. It was great. I was killing bad guys, and Christ, no reports. But that morning I killed innocent people, and everything was in black and white. My screaming woke me up. The screaming was not audible, only I could hear it.

I first went to Dr. Martin Reiser in 1970. I was assigned to Wilshire Detectives. I was a drinking fool. I drank everything that was liquid. There was nothing wrong with me. Everybody was drinking. That's what a detective did—he drank and drank a lot. I even had a bottle in my car. I needed something to carry me over after I left Wilshire to see me through my second job. Drinking was just part of it. I was also angry and frustrated. The word dislike wasn't in my vocabulary. I hated. If you were black, you were a (unmentionable), if you were a white, you were (unmentionable), and if you were Mexican you were (unmentionable). Hell, I put everybody in the same bag. I hated the court system and the attorneys who ran it. I hated the judges who didn't give a rat's ass about anybody. I knew everything. I was right, and everybody else was wrong. I was the only hard-working guy. Everybody else was lazy and didn't care. Of course I was full of it and obsessed with the thought of blowing my brains out. I could not get it out of my head. It was like a broken record. I would get these feelings of wanting to grab my gun and shoot myself. Then I would have feelings of guilt. I was being torn apart by these compulsive thoughts.

I finally had enough of this, and I found Dr. Reiser. Did he help? Yes! Was I completely honest with him? No! But things in my life became bearable. Dr. Reiser did teach me one very valuable lesson. Thoughts by themselves can't hurt you. They may cause you discomfort, anxiety, and pain, emotional pain, but they can't kill. Only I can do that.

I went to Dr. Reiser for around nine months and then things just got better. Big changes also occurred. I got divorced. I got promoted to sergeant. I went back to uniform. I remarried. Life was again good for me. The dreams started. Not every night. Just once in a while. Then while assigned to Hollywood Detectives I had my first anxiety attack. Now some of you more literate sorts out there are going to want to know what this is. It goes by other names—panic attacks. It comes without warning. You have this overwhelming feeling of finality. You are convinced you are having a heart attack. Your heart even helps in this mental game of deception. You start to rapid breathe. There is tightness in the chest, and the chest muscles begin to constrict. You even have a bowel movement. You start to perspire, heart races and you feel faint. All this happened in a toilet stall. It took me years to enter a toilet stall without having a panic attack. Then the self-doubts crept into my mind. Every day I knew I was going to die. I would take Valium to try to alleviate the panic attacks, and that would bring on more worries.

Back to Reiser I went. But I would not tell him about my persistent thoughts of suicide. Yes I continued to drink, a case of Jack Daniels every three months. Then on July 4, 1980, I

began to fight back. I started to change, in increments. Little things. I had actually begun the transformation in 1978. But I said, enough of this b.s. Then the feeling of claustrophobia began. I had troubles getting into elevators. Then the self-doubts again. I was afraid that I was becoming a coward. I became more aggressive to try to convince myself I still was fearless. Christ, I was scared to death and could not admit it.

Dr. Reiser taught me how to put myself to sleep without using alcohol—self-hypnosis, and it worked. After seeing him for two years I stopped. Every day was a battle. It was called depression, this unbelievable feeling of sadness. Wanting to end it. Feeling worthless. Believing that nobody understands, or cares. That you can only feel the pain. A bleak world of darkness, you are so self-absorbed in negativity and catastrophic thoughts you just know that something bad is going to happen. Every time I went on a search warrant, and I served many, I was convinced I was going to die. This feeling continued to the day I retired. After that episode in the Promenade, I sought out Dr. B. B. Jacobson, and for several weeks I openly and honestly discussed my feelings. We decided it was time that I should retire. After I made that decision, all my dreams vanished.

Have I had periods of depression since I retired? Yes. Have I had panic attacks? Yes. Have I had thoughts of suicide? Yes. But I am alive today because I want to live and people like Reiser and some very good literature have helped me survive. I talk to my wife and thought it's extremely scary for her, she understands. I talk to my friends openly about my feelings and they too understand. If there is one message in this tangle of life, it's that one needs to live, and try to push the hard times aside, and at times everybody needs help. Our fear as police officers is hiding our fear from each other and denying the obvious.

For those of you who know what I'm talking about, bury your pride and seek advice. Stop destructive behavior and lighten up on yourselves. YOU CAN'T carry the world on your shoulders. We as human beings need to communicate our fears, anxieties, to try to dissolve them. I try to use a simple analogy when describing frustration and anger—the mind is like a sponge, it absorbs water until it becomes so full it begins to overflow into our system and we drown in our anger. We eventually turn toward our loved ones, or at ourselves. The rage becomes so great that we can't feel anything except the pain that our brain has caused.

We as police officers are trained to save life, to assist in saving life, but when it comes to our own, we become so reckless with it and eventually destroy that which is so precious—our life.

I wrote Dennis that happiness is fleeting, life is ours to make of it, and the most difficult part of life is recognizing the pitfalls and avoiding them. Sometimes we need help, and it's a fool who can't reach out and take a hand to help them over a hard time.

There are some of you out there that know what I'm talking about. There are some of you who are ready to end this life, which God gave us. Is it hard? You're damn right it is. You people have chosen the most difficult occupation imaginable to keep the peace. My friends, peace begins in your heart. Peace begins with your loved ones. We live in troubled times and this job you have is not easy. Use all the resources that are available to make it easy on you.

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Catherain A. Railey, #27533  
Cecelia Benavidez, #31405  
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Charles C. Wright, #16550  
Charles T. Henry, Jr., #23023  
Charles D. Adams, #27181  
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Frank Partida, #24809  
George G. Godwin, #17900 (deceased)  
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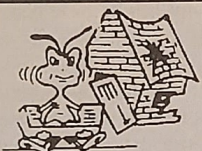
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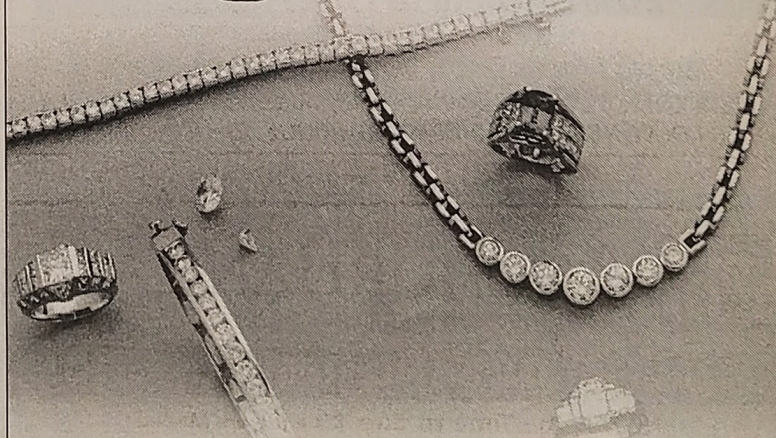
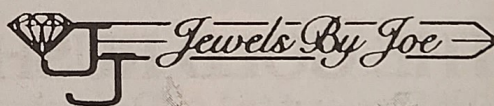
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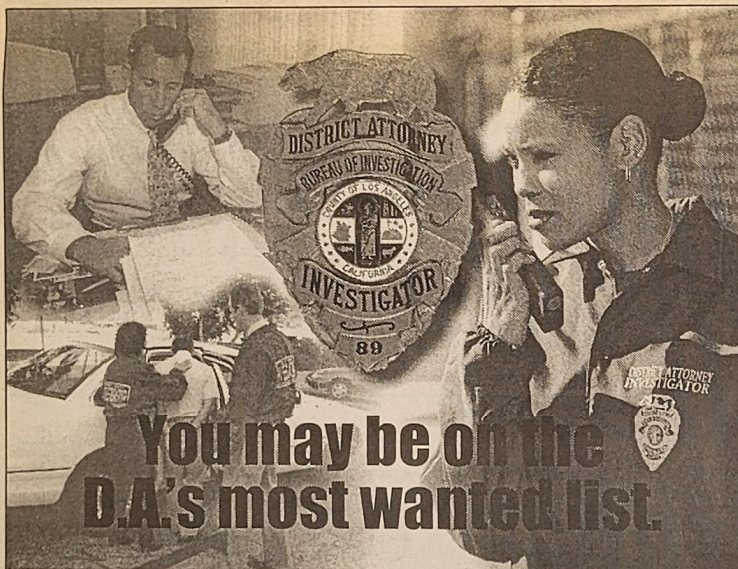
This year, \$375,000 was provided in grants to assist Department members and their immediate family in time of need. Since inception, \$7.5 million in grants has been issued. This has only been possible with the support of the Los Angeles community's generosity and employee participation. This year's grants ranged from providing for funeral expenses, college expenses for surviving dependents of officers killed in

the line of duty, medical and educational expenses of children with disabilities, and providing for life's necessities of employees off long-term ill and IOD. The Memorial Foundation also issues five \$20,000 scholarships each year to college bound high school students. This is a merit-based contest open to the dependents of all Department employees. Information about the scholarship will appear in the January Blue Line.

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## Brady Doctrine

by Marcella Winn, President  
Oscar Joel Bryant Association

Lately there has been a lot of controversy concerning the Department's practice of placing Brady Letters regarding the Brady Doctrine in the personnel files of law enforcement officers. There are two types of Brady Letters: one is temporary and the other is permanent. A temporary Brady Letter can become permanent once a complaint has been sustained.

The issuance of Brady Letters to the personnel files of law enforcement officers can effectively have a negative impact on many officers' careers; i.e., they are taken from field duties and placed in an administrative position that does not involve dealing with the public, and they are no longer able to testify in court, due to credibility issues.

In essence, Brady Letters are one of the overriding issues that arose during the Christopher Commission's investigation. Specifically, what was management doing with police officers with checkered pasts? Until the passage of the Victim's Bill of Rights (Proposition 8) that deals with an officer's right to testify regarding hearsay issues the Brady issue was a non-issue.

There are several case laws that deal with the Brady doctrine. However, the facts stated in this article are to inform officers of the Department's use of the Brady Letters, and the reason behind the usage.

First of all, Brady violations are a result of Federal law, which arose in the court case of Brady vs. Maryland in 1963. Brady was convicted of a charge of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death. During the course of the trial the defense counsel made a request to examine the statements of Brady's accomplice. He was allowed to examine all of the statements but one. The defense counsel was not allowed to examine the statement wherein the accomplice admitted to the murder. The court held that the suppression by the prosecutor of evidence favorable to the defense, violates the defendant's due process to a fair trial.

As the court explained, a "true Brady violation" has three components: "The evidence at issue must be favorable to the accused, either because it is exculpatory or because it is impeaching; that evidence must have been suppressed by the State, either willfully or inadvertently, and prejudice must have ensued."

Brady is not a discovery rule, but a rule of fairness and a minimum prosecutorial obligation.

In the case of the *United States vs. Henthorn*, an issue arose that dealt with impeachment material contained in the testifying officer's personnel file for perjurious conduct or other dishonesty issues. The obligation to examine personnel files arises by the demand for their production. However, the files need not be furnished to the defendant or the court, unless they contain information that is, or may be material to the defendant's case. Accordingly, the court has held in the case of the *United States vs. Dominguez-Villa*, that the government is obligated to examine the personnel files of federal law enforcement witnesses.

It is not obligated to review state law enforcement files not within its possession or control. However, the court has reversed that decision, and it is still not clear how far back the information contained in the personnel files can be used against an officer.

If an officer was accused of misconduct and received punishment for the act over five years ago, and has an exemplary record, how can that lead to a Brady Letter in his personnel file? There has to be a statute of limitations in the probing of law enforcement personnel files.

Currently, we have officers walking into an oral board or a board of inquiry and coming out with a Brady Letter regarding some infraction that occurred years ago. I use the term infraction, because it occurred years ago, and the officer received a penalty and was not terminated.

The Department has stated that they are following the law by issuing Brady Letters. The case law they are following has to do with witness credibility/moral turpitude. The courts have held that moral turpitude includes "conduct involving violence, menace, or threat." Still, there are a lot of unanswered questions. If the current system is allowed to flourish, there will be no one left in the field.

As a result of all the unanswered questions, and the impact that the issuance of Brady Letters can have on the Department, Chief Parks has asked Human Resources Bureau to conduct a study on this issue. Currently, the Department's Risk Management Executive committee is reviewing the criteria to be established by the Department regarding the issuance of Brady Letters and Brady issues.



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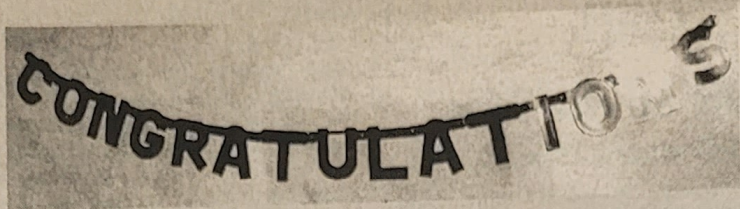
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The Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacifics held their awards banquet in Los Angeles – congratulations to detective Ben Lee, channel 9 TV reporter Mia Lee, Fred H. Lau, channel 5 TV reporter Sharon Tay, SFPD Chief and LEAAP President Sergeant Daniel Wong.



Congratulations to newly promoted deputy Chief David J. Kalish. Left to right, Ted Hunt, Cliff Ruff, Deputy Chief David Kalish, Captain Ron Sanchez and Dennis P. Zine.



The Auto Club of Southern California presented Safe Driving Awards resolutions to LAPD officers. The recipients also received a one year free membership to the Auto Club. Left to right: Deputy Chief Dave Kalish, Deputy Chief J.I. Davis, Deputy Chief Peggy York, AAA President Thomas McKernan, Jr., Chief Parks, Senior AAA VP Peter R. McDonald, Senior AAA VP Robert T. Bouttier, VP Public Affairs and Publications Steve Lenzi.



Councilman Alex Padilla presented City Commendations to valley officers for their anti-gang enforcement programs.



Deputy City Attorneys congratulate officers involved in the Langdon Street Gang Injunction. From left: Martin Vranicar, Supervisor; Jule Bishop, Jodi Galvin, Tony Koutris, Peter Shutan. (Not pictured: Vic Kalustian)

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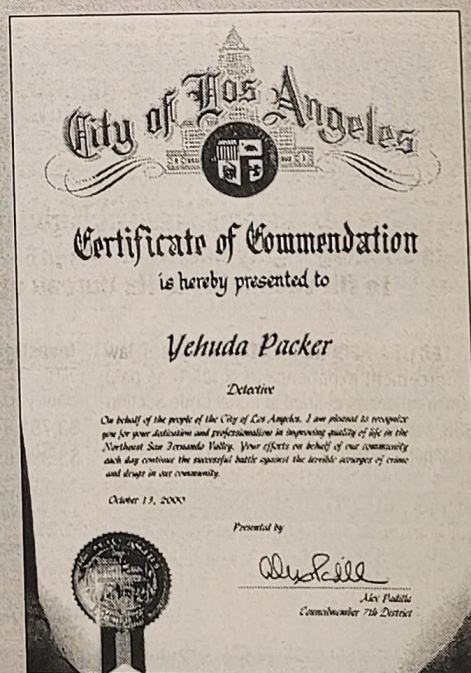


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### Police Accident Deaths on the Rise

**Mishaps Kill More Cops than Criminals this Year**

by James Gordon Meek

Washington, D.C. (Sept. 18)—An increase in police officer accidental deaths is leading some to call for more safety training and research into accident prevention.

Police officer deaths in the first half of this year rose, according to two police groups, with more officers dying in automobile crashes and other accidents than at the hands of criminals with guns, a new trend.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Chairman Craig W. Floyd said 76 officers were killed in the line of duty as of June. The figure represents nine more fatalities than were recorded during the same period last year. In 1999, a total of 139 officers died on duty, the lowest number in 30 years.

Of those killed this year, 24 died in automobile accidents resulting mostly from high-speed chases or responding

to emergency calls, Floyd said. Additionally, six officers were struck outside their own vehicles, five died in aircraft accidents, three drowned, two were killed on motorcycles, two fell to their deaths, and one each died in bicycle and horse-related accidents.

#### Bulletproof Vests Cited

Of this year's fatalities, 26 were killed by gunfire in violent incidents, Floyd said. That's one more than the number of police shot and killed in the first six months of 1999.

Two other officers were stabbed to death and four more died of job-related illnesses.

The drop in the number of police killed by gunfire is primarily attributed to the use of bulletproof vests, he said.

"We have a profession that is always at risk, no matter what the circumstances might be, no matter how benign those circumstances might seem," Floyd said.

### Call for High-Speed Chase Training

He called for more study on how well police are protected in environments, including the insides of their vehicles. He said there is scant data on the effectiveness of airbags and side airbags in patrol cars, or whether policies on the use of safety belts by officers are in place nationwide.

But many accidental deaths could be prevented with high-speed chase training and ongoing, specialized safety instruction, Floyd said.

"How much is enough or how little is too little is for others to judge," he said. "But when we have more officers being killed on our roadways than are being shot to death, I think that raises a red flag that says there is a problem."

The trend since the first American police fatality was recorded in the 18th century was that about 60 percent of police line-of-duty deaths each year resulted from felonious incidents, compared with 40 percent killed accidentally, Floyd said. But that split has reversed in the past five years, he said.

Nicholas Pastore, a research fellow in police policy at the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, said the surge in accidental police deaths could be tied to changing times. He said new technolo-

gies and law enforcement policies have cut overall officer fatalities each year, but have also created new categories of line-of-duty deaths.

Pastore, who retired as New Haven, Conn., police chief in 1997 after 26 years in law enforcement, said previous generations did not use many of the crime-fighting tools that are popular now, such as helicopters and the bicycles many officers ride on patrol.

He said police are also becoming increasingly "militarized" in order to fight crime. Today's officers are trained like combat troops, and they take similar casualties.

"Within the police, we have a navy, a Ranger outfit, foot soldiers, probably an air force, and a cavalry," Pastore said. "When we think about horses, tanks and helicopters, it seems like we're asking police to be more adventurous" than their predecessors.

He said he agreed that the rise in accidental deaths "cries out for better safety procedures."

"Unfortunately, when you put that uniform on and you put that badge on and that weapon on your hip, you become a target," said Molly Winters, national president of Concerns of Police Survivors. "The respect isn't there, I don't feel, that used to be there."

### Court Rules on Cursing

Miami (APBnews.com)—Hurling four-letter words and other epithets at police is not a crime, a court ruled this week as it reversed the conviction of a teenager who was arrested on charges of swearing at officers.

A three-judge appellate panel unanimously ruled that Miami-Dade police overreacted and violated the teen's constitutionally protected freedom of speech when they charged him with disorderly conduct for calling them "crackers" and using profane language.

#### Civil Libertarians and Police Have Different Views of the Ruling.

"This is what I would call a classic example of an individual being arrested for contempt of cop," said Randall Marshall, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida. "It goes on nationwide. Police officers are professionals, and they certainly ought to be able to withstand someone cursing at them."

But David Murrell, executive director of the Florida Police Benevolent Association, said the ruling is another sign of the declining civility in American society.

"We're not happy with the ruling," Murrell said. "It will make it tougher for our officers to do their jobs. In general, it's just an overall sign in America that there doesn't seem to be as much respect for authority figures, and that's a bad trend. It just strikes me that people can say whatever they want to and get away with it, and that's not good."

#### "It's Total Baloney"

In its ruling released Wednesday, the 3rd District Court of Appeals said that while 17-year-old Wilbert Lee used offensive language when police approached him on a south Miami street on Aug. 18, 1999, officers violated his First Amendment rights when they arrested him for disorderly conduct.

Lee was in a group of about 20 youths when police approached them to inves-

tigate possible drug dealing, according to the appellate court decision.

Police asked Lee, although he had done nothing illegal, and others in the crowd for identification, so officers could fill out field interview cards.

"It's total baloney," Lee's lawyer, Michael D. Walsh, said of the field interview cards. "It's just a way to go and shake people down. A lot of people are sick of it."

Lee resented being asked for identification and began to protect and use obscenities, saying, "Why are these crackers always [expletive] with us," Walsh said.

Police charged Lee with disorderly conduct, saying they feared for their safety, although they never called for backup and no one in the crowd threatened the officers, according to the court ruling.

#### Posed No Threat, Judges Say

Miami-Dade Circuit Judge James Henderson convicted Lee in a bench trial last December and sentenced the juvenile to six months' probation, which the appellate court voided in overturning the verdict.

The appellate judges—James Jorgenson, Gerald Cope, Jr. and Mario Goderich—wrote that state and federal legal precedents show that the language Lee used with police is constitutionally

protected, and that Miami-Dade police acted improperly in arresting him.

"[Lee] never physically interfered with the police, never physically threatened them in any manner, and never impeded the execution of their legal duty," the judges wrote. "The conduct for which [Lee] was punished was pure speech, and is thus protected by the First Amendment."

#### Police Accept Ruling

A Miami-Dade police official said being sworn at is a part of the job and that the department accepted the court's ruling.

"That's unfortunately one of the negative sides of our job, and we realized this," police Det. Nelda Fonticciella said, referring to verbal abuse.

Lee's attorney admitted that swearing at police is not the smartest thing to do, but that the youth's words were not severe enough to warrant arrest.

"You can't arrest somebody because they call you a 'cracker.' You can't arrest somebody because they tell you to go ---- yourself," Walsh said.

#### Marshall of the ACLU agrees.

"[Lee] was expressing himself," Marshall said. "He was unhappy with the police officers' questioning a group of young black men."

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# Rampart Crash Officers Acquitted in Board of Rights Trial

by Michael P. Stone, Esq.

## Again, Perez Testimony is Impeached Leading to Officers' Acquittal

Los Angeles, Calif., Thursday, Sept. 21, 2000, 6:00 p.m.

LAPD Rampart CRASH officers Dan Lujan and Omar Veloz faced charges that they used and acquiesced to excessive force upon an arrestee, resulting in dislocation of his elbow, and that they wrote and acquiesced in a false police report regarding the arrestee's possession of a loaded .45 semi-automatic pistol.

Disgraced former officer Raphael Perez testified in a statement given to District Attorney and LAPD investigators and to prosecutors, that Lujan and Veloz wrote a false police report when they said that the arrestee, Melandro Vergara, had a loaded .45 pistol on the back seat of his car and accessible to him when he was arrested on June 5, 1996, in Rampart Division for assault with a deadly weapon upon Lujan and Veloz.

On Sept. 21, following a two-day trial, the LAPD Board of Rights tribunal granted a defense motion for judgment of acquittal, or directed verdict, finding both officers not guilty of the charges, once the Department Advocate rested his case against the two.

Officer Lujan was represented by defense lawyer Michael P. Stone. Officer Veloz was represented by defense lawyer Larry Hanna. Both officers were also defended by departmental defense representatives, Officers David Winslow and David Vinton.

After the defense motion was granted, Stone offered the following statement about Perez's charges:

*"In the past I have been more conservative than some of my brethren defense counsel in commenting upon the credibility and motives of Perez. I have allowed in other hearings that inaccuracies in the testimony of Perez could perhaps be the product of innocent misrecollection or mistake, as well as intentional falsehood. But in this case, I have no doubt. The Perez statements about Lujan and Veloz are palpably false—the product of obvious fabrication, the basis of which could not be misrecollection or mistake. These charges were plainly a calculated effort by Perez to give false evidence against these innocent men."*

The arrest occurred on June 5, 1996. Testimony at the Board of Rights showed that during the evening hours near Valley and Crandall in Rampart Division, Lujan and Veloz were on patrol in a fully-marked police car, when Vergara and a companion named Ricky Socololo, in a 1985 Audi driven by Vergara, intentionally rammed the police car three times from behind.

Vergara testified that he had been using "speed" (methamphetamine) steadily for five days before the incident and had not slept during that time. When he saw the officers' car, he had a "flashback" to an incident years earlier in the Philippines, when he was abused by a police officer. Vergara, now 41, testified that he intentionally rammed the police car "two or three times," but that he "blacked out" and could not remember why he did so, nor could he remember parts of the events that unfolded immediately thereafter. He testified that at the time he had been using methamphetamine for one year and that it often made him angry and violent.

After the third impact between Vergara's Audi and the police car,

Socololo protested to Vergara that it was a police car he was ramming. Vergara uttered that he "wanted to kill those cops," and then he punched Socololo in the face.

Meanwhile, the officers pulled away and turned their car to face Vergara's which had rammed into parked cars. Lujan and Veloz exited their car, drew their handguns, and began ordering Vergara to stop and show his hands. Socololo suddenly bolted from the Audi and ran up to Lujan with his hands raised, yelling, "I'm not involved!" Lujan quickly handcuffed Socololo and handed him over to one of the many officers who were arriving in the area in response to Lujan's call for help.

Vergara reached several times toward the backseat of the Audi as he spun the tires of his car, trying to back away from the parked cars to escape. Vergara succeeded in backing away from the curb, turned and sped away down the street. Lujan ran to and entered the police car, and pursued Vergara. Veloz, still on foot, ran down the street after the two cars.

By this time, a number of arriving police cars blocked Vergara's path of escape. As the Audi came to a stop in front of the police blockade, Lujan pulled his car up to the Audi to block it in.

Lujan quickly formed several arriving officers into a small tactical team and made a plan to move in on Vergara and pull him from the Audi. Lujan designated Officer Buchanan to spray oleoresin capicum ("O.C." or "pepper spray") at Vergara's face as a diversion as Lujan would break the driver's window with his baton. Officers Montoya, Hewitt and Perez would grab Vergara, control him, and pull him out of the car. Officer Harper was designated to cover Vergara with a shotgun. According to the testimony, with Lujan leading, the small team quickly advanced on Vergara's car, as Vergara repeatedly reached toward the backseat of the Audi. As Lujan moved up on the left side of the Audi, he noticed two handguns on the backseat and yelled, "Gun!" as he simultaneously smashed the window with his baton. Buchanan sprayed pepper spray at Vergara as the other officers unlocked Vergara's door and pulled him from the car.

Vergara resisted and fought violently as the officers attempted to subdue and control him, initially with handcuffs, and later with a "hobble restraint." Vergara was arrested for assault upon Lujan and Veloz and was ultimately convicted and sent to prison. He was treated at USC-County Hospital for cuts and abrasions, broken ribs and a dislocated left elbow.

In 1999, Perez claimed to prosecutors and investigators that the arrest report was false. Perez said that no guns were visible inside the Audi and that no one yelled, "Gun!" Perez claimed he found the guns in a search of the Audi after Vergara was removed and that he (Perez) had to cut them out of a storage bag located behind the backseat armrest, between the backseat and the trunk.

Perez also claimed that Lujan dislocated Vergara's left elbow by unnecessarily pulling Vergara's left arm too high behind his back during the handcuffing. Perez said that he heard a clearly audible "pop," as the elbow dislocated. He said Lujan exclaimed, "Oh, shit!" and then giggled. Perez claimed that Lujan's and Veloz's account of the events in the report was knowingly false.

However, in this case, no one agreed with Perez's version of the events, including Vergara.

For example, Vergara admitted at one time that he had the loaded .45 pistol on

the backseat and that he reached for it after he rammed the officers' car. Vergara did not claim that he was roughed up or abused by the officers. In fact, he told investigators, "I am sorry for what I did to those officers" and that "I was lucky I did not get shot."

Vergara later claimed that the .45 was actually positioned behind the armrest and that he was "reaching into the backseat area for something, I don't remember for what" when the officers approached. He said a second handgun, a 9mm pistol, was located in the trunk. Importantly, Vergara said neither of the two guns were concealed in such a way that they would have to be "cut out" of the car. At the Board of Rights, Vergara claimed inability to remember a lot of what he did, why he did it, and what happened to him, blaming his lack of recall on the methamphetamine and sleep deprivation.

Many of the officers who arrived on the scene testified that they saw the removal of Vergara from the car and his subsequent restraining by handcuffs and hobble tie. None of them saw excessive force. Several others testified they saw one or two handguns on the backseat of the Audi and several more said they heard an officer yell "Gun!" as Lujan arrived at the Audi driver's door and smashed the window.

Dr. Terence S. McGee, a local physician with expertise in trauma care, testified that Vergara's dislocated elbow and fractured ribs were most likely the result of the various impacts when Vergara rammed the police car while not wearing a seatbelt. The handcuffing process was likely not the mechanism of injury dislocating the elbow.

Stone has defended Lujan and another CRASH officer, Doyle Stepp, in a number of "Rampart scandal" Trial Boards involving allegations by Perez of false arrest, false reports and conspiracy. In each of those cases the officers were acquitted of all charges.

In this case, the investigator, Sgt. Dallas Gibson, testified that in his opinion Perez "was less than credible," and that he believed that all of the officers were telling the truth.

Dr. McGee, also an expert in addiction medicine, testified that persons under prolonged influence of methamphetamine, as was Vergara, may present behaviors identical to schizophrenia. They may be violent and quick to anger

and are prone to severe lapses of judgment, which would explain Vergara's unprovoked and senseless attack upon the officers. Dr. McGee testified that in drug abusers, inability to recall periods of time within a larger event are commonplace. "Speed" abusers also tend toward muscle rigidity, which could further explain the elbow dislocation upon impacts during the ramming of the police car.

The Board of Rights is the culmination of the LAPD's internal investigative and disciplinary process. It is a full-blown, trial-type evidentiary hearing, which is fashioned after the court martial system in the U.S. military. The tribunal is composed of two command-level officers and a civilian. In this case, the Board chairman was Capt. Joseph Curreri. Associate members were Capt. Greg Meyer and Mr. Robert Grant, a local attorney.

In its findings of fact granting the motion for acquittal, the Board noted that there was "no credible evidence to refute anything contained in the arrest report."

Similarly, the Board noted that the "only evidence" that excessive force was employed came from Perez and that Vergara himself did not claim that he was mistreated in any way by any officer.

The Board received in evidence transcripts of Stone's cross-examination of Perez in a different Board of Rights hearing, in which Perez admitted that he had perjured himself in court testimony at least 100 times, written false reports over 100 times, made over 100 false arrests, "planted" false evidence about 75 times, and on about 30 occasions stole money or property from suspects and family members or associates for his personal gain.

Perez's statements were taken during recorded interviews in which he pledged cooperation and truthful testimony, in return for a greatly reduced prison sentence for the theft of a large amount of cocaine from police evidence storage two years ago.

Stone said, *"I find it difficult to accept that Perez thus far has been able to benefit from his plea agreement, given the grossly inaccurate and potentially perjurious testimony he has uttered so far in a number of Boards of Rights hearings where he has accused other officers of criminal misconduct."* "Basically," says Stone, *"it stinks."*

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## Deadly Dangers Patrolling Our Waterways

by Craig W. Floyd

Paul Korber was a strong swimmer and a dedicated law enforcement officer. He worked for the Ventura, California, Harbor Patrol. On March 15, 1998, Officer Korber received a call for help. Two young boys and their mother had been caught in an ocean rip tide and were struggling for their lives.

When efforts to reach the family by boat failed due to rough seas, Officer Korber dove in to make the rescue. He reached the family and managed to keep them afloat long enough for lifeguards to get them to safety. But, Officer Korber wasn't so lucky. Tossed into a jetty by the six-foot waves, he became disoriented and drowned. Paul Korber, an 11-year veteran of the department, saved three lives that day, and in doing so he gave up his own.

Shortly after that terrible tragedy, a letter appeared in the local newspaper. It was written by the man who had called the Harbor Patrol for help. The man was humbled by what he had witnessed that day and he wanted others to know. He wrote, "We often hear comments directed at firemen, lifeguards, harbor patrols and other safety professionals about the ease of their jobs. In the absence of the catastrophe, some people assume their work is rather inconsequential. But those of us who have been saved know the real truth. And the truth is that if 364 days go by without incident, and on the 365th that man or woman has to break through a burning door or swim out through the swells on a big day, they earn everything we pay them in that moment. For Paul [Korber] and his family, that debt, in fact, can never be paid, but we understand the value of his commitment."

Paul Korber is one of roughly 170 law enforcement officers who drowned,

died in boating accidents, or were killed enforcing fishing laws on our nation's waterways. All of their names appear on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Those officers typify the selfless heroism that is the norm for the law enforcement profession. They include heroes like Kentucky Conservation Officer Denver Tabor, who in 1973 drowned while trying to save a young boy who fell overboard from a boat; and Sgt. Karl Kelley, of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, who drowned in 1998 while trying to rescue two of his colleagues who had fallen into swirling waters during a dangerous training exercise; and Pennsylvania Fish Warden Raymond Schroll, Jr., who in 1958 had nearly swum ashore after his boat overturned in a rain-swollen river, but drowned when he heard his partner's cries for help and returned to attempt a rescue.

A review of these cases also points to the senselessness of so many attacks on those who enforce our laws. Just ask the officers serving with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. They can tell you the story of Wildlife Officer Dewey McCall who, in 1971, was shot to death after issuing a man a citation for an undersized fish. Or, let the deputies in St. Clair County (MI) tell you what happened to Lt. Donald Bezenah when he tried to arrest a drunken boater. Instead of stopping, the drunken man rammed his boat into Lt. Bezenah's killing the 51-year-old law enforcement veteran.

Or, talk to members of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. They will remind you of what happened nearly 80 years ago to the legendary fish warden, William E. Shoemaker, the first line of duty death in the department's history. Fish Warden Shoemaker loved having a job that kept him close to the natural world. He performed his duties in an aggressive and

no-nonsense manner. In those days, not everyone agreed that the government had the right to regulate the taking of fish and game, let alone charge a fee for the right to do so. In fact, Fish Warden Shoemaker was actually barred by the railroad from boarding its trains and checking for hunters and fishermen. But, that was nothing compared to the treatment he received on the evening of August 25, 1921. As he was returning home around 9:30 p.m., Fish Warden Shoemaker spotted two men spear fishing in a local creek. He was preparing to arrest one of the men for fishing without a license when the other one grabbed the lawman's gun and fired at point-blank range. William Shoemaker died 28 days later. His assailant served less than 10 years in jail for the crime.

Robert C. Banker, a conservation officer with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, suffered a similar fate on March 19, 1987. After issuing a fishing citation, he was shot in the chest three times. One of the darkest days for our nation's conservation officers occurred on July 12, 1940, in Minnesota. Three officers with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources—Douglas P. Brady, Melvin A. Holt, and Marcus E. Whipps—were conducting what they thought was a routine interview with some commercial fishermen when they were shot and killed.

So often, the law enforcement officer puts himself or herself in harm's way so that others can be safe. Certainly, that was the case with many of the officers who have drowned while trying to spare others from danger. In 1903, Kansas City (MO) Patrolman Joseph P. Keenan drowned when he was swept away by floodwaters while attempting to take a group of citizens to safer ground. Ten years later, Capt. Allen D. McGown, of the Findlay (OH) Police Department, was trying to rescue a family from their

home in eight feet of flood waters when the boat they were in capsized and Captain McGown drowned. Michigan State Trooper Ralph Broullire was attempting to rescue two boys stranded on an ice flow in Saginaw Bay when he fell in the water and drowned on December 18, 1937.

In the law enforcement profession, even the most routine of circumstances can become life threatening. That is especially true when the officer is working on or near water. In 1966, Maryland Natural Resources Police Officer George T. Mullikin suffered a fatal heart attack while scuba diving on the job. On May 28, 1990, Texas Game Wardens Franklin Hill and William Decker drowned when their patrol boat struck a submerged tree stump. On May 24, 1998, Deputy Sheriff Edward R. Callahan of the Douglas County (NV) Sheriff's Office was on routine patrol with his partner on Lake Tahoe. As they were coming into the dock, a large wave overturned their boat. Deputy Callahan was pulled under the water and never resurfaced.

And, even more recently, Capt. John Garlington of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries drowned on February 10 of this year while investigating an illegal fishing report. In June, Sgt. Alane Stoffregen died during a deep-water diving exercise with the Chicago Police Department's marine unit.

Some departments have begun to pass policies making it mandatory that officers wear personal flotation devices while patrolling our waterways. History tells us that such measures will help save lives. But, more needs to be done to protect our officers on the water and on land, because the only certainty of police work is that danger could strike at any moment.

(Craig W. Floyd is chairman of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and is a regular contributor to American Police Beat.)

## ITT Industries Night Vision Gives \$25,000 Gift to National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund

Washington, D.C. (Oct. 12, 2000)—The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) has announced that ITT Industries Night Vision (ITT) has given a \$25,000 gift to the Memorial Fund to help honor America's police officers and to promote law enforcement safety.

Kevin Conlan, law enforcement sales manager for ITT Industries Night Vision, said, "ITT continues to be supportive of the law enforcement community and works closely with departments nationwide to determine the best way to increase officer safety."

"ITT recognizes that officers face unique and often vulnerable situations during night operations," added Conlan. "With night vision technology and training, officers say they feel safer because they can see criminals at night before criminals can see them. Just as bullet-proof vests shield officers from bullets, night vision allows officers to remain covert, shielding them from the criminal's view."

Craig W. Floyd, NLEOMF chairman, said, "Night Vision technology aids in preventing, stopping and solving crimes while ensuring officer safety and is saving lives, protecting communities and reducing the fear of crime. For the Memorial, this type of corporate alliance will help us to accomplish one of our primary missions—saving the lives of law enforcement officers."

The NLEOMF is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization based in Washington, D.C. The Memorial was dedicated in 1991 and features the names of 15,139 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty. The NLEOMF also operates a museum near the Memorial. Corporations interested in joining should contact the Memorial Fund at 605 E. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004, or phone 202-737-3400.

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## Officers' "Bill of Rights" Legislation Will Benefit Higher Ranking Officers as Well

by Robert T. Scully  
NAPO Executive Director

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education, is in full support of the *State and Local Law Enforcement Discipline, Accountability and Due Process Act of 2000*. This act, if enacted into law: 1) will provide standards and procedures to guide both state and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogation of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings; 2) will ensure the accountability of law enforcement officers; 3) will guarantee the due process rights of law enforcement officers; and 4) will encourage those states not having law enforcement discipline, accountability, and due process statutes to enact legislation.

Since the conception of this legislation, many chiefs of police have voiced concern or have opposed this legislation, perhaps due to a "knee-jerk" reaction that anything benefiting labor harms management. To the contrary, this legislation would confer the same protection on upper echelon officers, as it does to those in the lower ranks. Chiefs should not be too quick to discount this legislation and its potential to help them. In fact, recently, there have been several cases in the media where a chief would have benefited from this legislation.

One case involved the Chief of Police in Louisville, Kentucky. Police Chief Gene Sherrard was fired by Louisville Mayor Dave Armstrong for honoring two officers involved in the shooting of an unarmed black suspect. The shooting sparked protests from civil rights activists; both officers were cleared of all wrongdoings by a grand jury. Chief Sherrard was fired because he apparently did not notify the mayor of the awards until a week before the ceremony. Armstrong said that he fired Chief Sherrard because by approving the awards, the Chief violated the Mayor's trust and that of the community. "It's really very simple, I hired a chief, I fired a chief. I'm going to run this department and I'm going to get a chief to run it the way I want," said Armstrong. Armstrong went on to state that his decision was irreversible.

Another case, perhaps more visible to the public eye, involved the events surrounding the resignation of Miami, Florida Police Chief William O'Brien. Chief O'Brien was a casualty in the Cuban-American community's anger over the federal government's raid to seize 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez. The Chief's resignation came a day after

Mayor Joe Carollo fired Miami's City Manager Donald Warshaw for refusing to fire Chief O'Brien. Chief O'Brien was going to be fired for not notifying Carollo of the upcoming federal raid, a raid the Chief had learned about an hour before it occurred. Carollo had publicly sided with Elian's Miami relatives, so the federal agents had ordered Chief O'Brien not to tell anyone for fear that the family would be alerted and violence could ensue.

In these cases, both Chief Sherrard and Chief O'Brien became "political scapegoats." Had the "Bill of Rights" legislation been in effect, both Chiefs could not have just been fired. The city administration would have been required to follow stringent guidelines in investigating the incident and provide for a "due process" evidentiary hearing before an impartial third party or board.

In addition, this legislation would require compliance with guidelines, such as:

- Officers would have to be notified of all investigations into their conduct, the nature of the alleged violation, and the eventual outcome of the investigation;
- Officers could not be harassed, threatened, or promised rewards to induce answering of questions;
- Officers would be entitled to hearing and to be represented by counsel or another person at the hearing;
- Officers could not be subject to retaliation for the exercise of these or any other rights under law, including their First Amendment rights; and
- Officers would have the opportunity to comment in writing on any adverse material placed in their personnel file.

NAPO recognizes a need for the implementation of standards and procedures to guide both state and local law enforcement agencies and protect law enforcement officers, regardless of rank, during internal investigations, administrative hearings, and evaluation of citizen complaints. Too often law enforcement officers are subject to the whim of their departments and local politics during internal investigations and administrative hearings. At the same time, citizens should have a right to file a complaint, have the complaint investigated, and be informed of the final disposition of the complaint.

In conclusion, this legislation would certainly benefit chiefs as well as the rank and file. NAPO supports the implementation of standards to guide police departments through the formal review and final outcome of any disciplinary action resulting from a citizen's or city administrator's complaint. For more information, please contact NAPO's headquarters at (202) 842-4420.

## Poet's Corner

### Policeman's Prayer

Oh almighty God,  
Whose great power and eternal  
Wisdom embraces the universe,  
Watch over all Policemen and  
Law Enforcement Officers.  
Protect them from harm  
In the performance of their duty  
To stop crime, robberies,  
Riots and violence.  
We pray, help them keep our streets  
And homes safe day and night.  
We recommend them to your loving  
care  
Because their duty is dangerous.  
Grant them your unending strength and  
Courage in their daily assignments.  
Dear God protect these brave  
Men and Women,  
Grant them your almighty protection,  
Unite them safely with their  
Families after duty has ended.  
*Anonymous (circa 1950)*

### Hail to the Cadet

by Carl C. Howard, #2655

Gather around friends and listen well  
I've a police tale I'm about to tell  
While attending a police graduation the  
other day

I made some observations, come what may  
It's been 60 years since I stood at attention  
in the hot sun

Chief CB Horrall inspecting said: Clean your  
gun

It was true, I'd burnt a lot of lead  
But with a gold expert medal on my chest,  
enough said.

I looked for old classmates . . . all were  
gone

It's a lonely feeling to be the last one

It was a good graduation program—  
short and sweet

Plenty of honors . . . one didn't notice the  
heat

A Benediction and the class threw their hats  
with a yell

Chief Bernard Parks did his thing and did it  
well

The Chief was friendly and shook my hand  
Pictures were taken, music by the police  
band

Thirty-one young cadets—slick and clean—  
at their best

Just completed their lessons—now for the  
test

Suddenly cast into the real world  
of crime and deceit

With a Christian heart how can one compete  
So you've got to be street smart and worldly  
wise

Listen to the old timers—society abounds  
on lies

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you can

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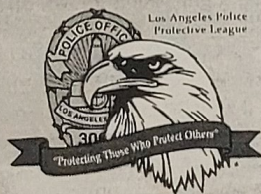
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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### William H. Parker Foundation

by Officer Dennis J. De Noi

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation kept busy this past month processing the numerous training, education and equipment grants we receive each and every month. One particular grant of interest was awarded to the LAPD S.W.A.T. Unit. The S.W.A.T. Team was in need of high-tech, lightweight tactical ladders for use during

supporting the newly unveiled Chief Ed Davis bust that is on display at the Ed Davis Training Center in Granada Hills. Chief Davis was present in 1971 when Chief William H. Parker's bust was unveiled at Parker Center. It was nice to return the favor.

The Foundation supported the Los Angeles Police Historical Society's 7th Annual Jack Webb Awards dinner at Raleigh Studios. Several of our board



Sergeant Steven H. Williams, Officer in Charge of the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation posing with Martin Millner and Kent McCord of Adam-12 fame. This photo was taken in front of the William H. Parker Foundation display at the "7th Annual Jack Webb Awards."

call-outs. In the past, they used what was at hand (chairs, cans, borrowed ladders from neighbors, etc.) or summoned the Fire Department. The Parker Foundation grant enabled the S.W.A.T. Unit to purchase four top-of-the-line highly mobile ladders that can be strapped on a team member's back or easily hand carried into place. The ladders are in different lengths and widths. Next time you have a need to call on the world's finest S.W.A.T. Team, rest assured that they would always have the equipment to accomplish the mission.

The Parker Foundation's staff and Board members under the leadership of our President, William F. Hertz, had a successful conclusion to our "10th Annual Golf Challenge Tournament."

The Foundation was also proud to participate with other associations in

members along with the staff at the Parker Foundation were in attendance. The Foundation also provided a display, featuring many of Chief William H. Parker's personal/professional artifacts. Many of these items have not been seen in public since the Chief's death in 1966. The display created a lot of attention and became the hottest "photo spot" of the night. Many of the VIP guests stopped by to enjoy the display and to have their pictures taken. One such duo was the team of Martin Milner and Kent McCord of "Adam-12" fame.

The Chief Parker display is on exhibit at the Parker Foundation office located at 1880 No. Academy Road next to the shotgun range. Next time you are at the Academy, please stop in to visit and to check out Chief Parker's badge, guns, uniforms, etc.

Speaking of Chief Parker, we would like to leave you with the following quotes on recruitment that was made in a speech on March 24, 1959, "The most serious adverse influence militating against successful police recruiting is the lack of attractive social status. The

amount of physical violence today's police officer must face deters many young men (women) from enrolling, but this impediment could be overcome if the social status of position could be made more attractive." WHP

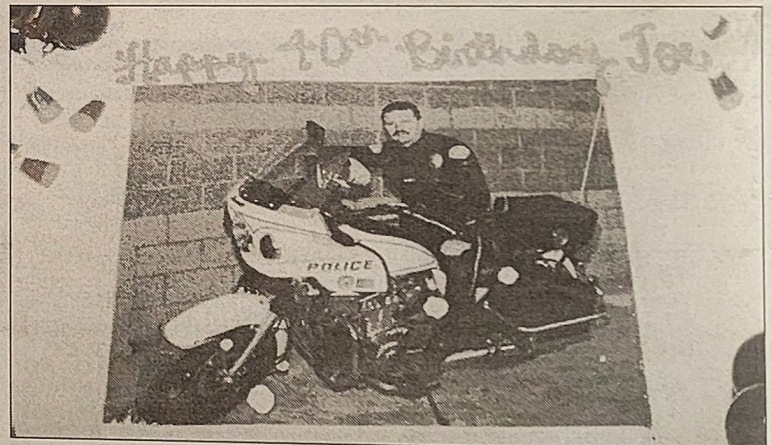
## Mystery Cop Photo



The enclosed photo was part of a promotion of the 1949 "Police Ball," with the photo and story appearing in the local L.A. newspapers. The young officer in the photo (with the unknown actress) worked the beat at Hollywood and Vine at the time of the photo. Prior to his retirement he trained dozens of L.A. Metro officers and officers from many countries in his area of expertise. Name him. First mailed response and first e-mail response win Logo packages. No telephone calls please.

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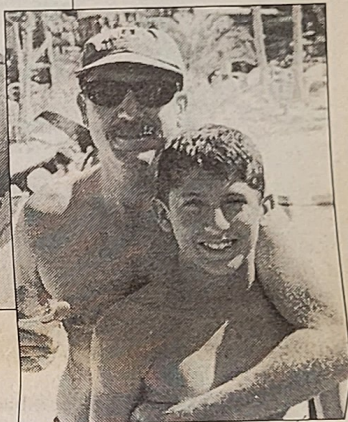
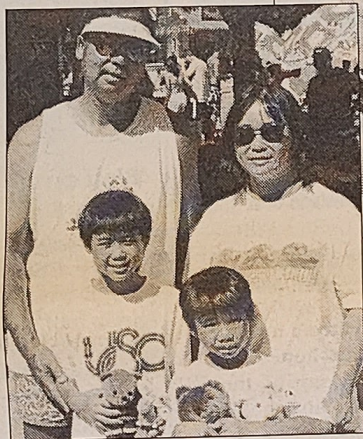
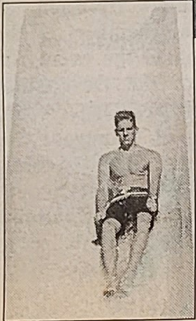
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# VETERAN'S CORNER



For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## American Legion News

Commander George Aguilar, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,  
6:30pm - Panorama City  
Post #817  
13553 Reedley Avenue  
Panorama City, CA 91402  
(818) 781-2261

Adjutant Frank Ortiz  
160 N. Glendora Avenue  
Covina, CA 91724  
Hm: (626) 331-4271



by Marty Chalupa

### October Meeting

Our last meeting was held on Oct. 17, 2000. The executive committee appointed a budget committee to review our expenses and submit a recommended budget, at the next executive committee meeting. Plans were made for the upcoming Veterans Administration Hospital Christmas party.

### Choir Boys—Region V

Sunday, Oct. 15, was our "1st Annual Choir Boys Motorcycle Ride." This event was a joint effort by the Choir Boys and the American Legion Police Post. The starting and registration loca-

tion was at the American Legion Post in Panorama City. The day was beautiful and there was plenty of free coffee, bagels, and "Krispy Kreme" doughnuts. The ride was approximately 100 miles, with a total of five stops, ending at the "Disabled American Veterans Hall" in Woodland Hills. At the final location, the Devonshire Explorers helped with the traffic control and directed the M/C parking. The "Wade Brothers" played their great brand of country music. Tri-tip with all the trimmings was served picnic style. The event was a lot of fun. For those who missed it, we plan to have a 2nd annual run. Watch for information in the Blue Line.

Thanks to Sgt. Jim Reid (Choir Boys President), J. J. Leonard, and Mark Gerin for organizing the run. Charlie Meter, Hal Yarnell, Bill Zimmerman, Emmett Drennen, as well as many of the members of the Choir Boys, all helped the event run smooth. Thanks to the Devonshire Explorer Youth Services Officers Sid Gonzalez and Ingrid Langrehr for volunteering the services of Explorers Victor Martinez, Michael Russell, Julian Quinonez, Richard Martinez, and Emilio Escobedo. And, thanks to all the riders. See you all next year.

### Welcome Recruit Class #10-2000

On Oct. 23, 2000, J. J. Leonard and Marty Chalupa welcomed the 10-00 LAPD recruit class. There were ten with prior military service. They all joined Police Post #381. Congratulations and welcome to the new members: Sean Anderson (USAF), Kevan Beard (USMC), Lucas Hamilton (USMC), Robert Lanigan (USA), Issac Moreno (USMC), Joshua Riggs (USA), Nicholas Rothemick (USA), David Siurek (USA), Pablo Soto (USMC), Gerald Williams (USMC).

### Lest We Forget

There are a lot of disabled residents in the V.A. hospitals. Around Christmas time many of them visit their families. Sorry to say, many do not have any families to go home to. District 17 of the

American Legion, with the help of Police Post 381, puts on a yearly Christmas party. We put together "care packages" to be given to all of the hospitalized veterans. The packages contain handkerchiefs, tee-shirts, socks, combs, washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, and other items that are donated by local individuals and businesses. Groups of carolers come in for some traditional Christmas music, and a great dinner is served. Because of their disabilities, many of the patients require one-on-one help. If you are able to help us brighten the Christmas for these vets, please join us the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at the West Los Angeles V.A. Hospital, Building 215 West. For further information, please call District 17 Past Commander Frank Flores, 818-676-5694. Any gift item donations would be greatly appreciated.

### Next Meeting

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. However, the meeting on December 19th is cancelled, because everyone will be out doing their last minute Christmas shopping. Hope to see you all at the next meeting on Jan. 16, 2001. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 with the meeting to follow. There is a \$5 donation for dinner. Location: the Panorama Post #817, 13553 Reedley St., Panorama City. For information on the meetings, please call Comm. George Aguilar, (661) 250-9366, or Adjutant Frank Ortiz, (626) 331-4271.

### V.F.W.

For anyone interested in joining the "Veterans of Foreign Wars," Post #11510 meets on the second Thursdays of the month at the American Legion Post in Panorama City. Call Bob Reeves at 818-894-6667 for additional information.

### Happy Holidays

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah (Dec. 22-29), and happy holidays to everyone, with special thoughts to our military personnel stationed overseas. May God watch over you.



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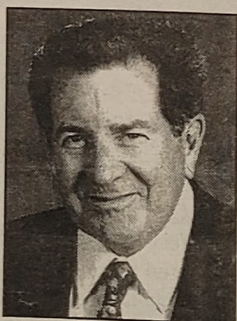
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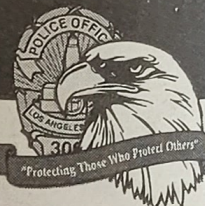
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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

## B.A.D. News

by Lou Koven  
Burglary Auto Theft Division

### In-N-Out

As a result of recent oral interviews, Lt. Adam Bercovici of North Hollywood Division is the lucky winner of the opening and will be coming to BAD. At the time of this article, Lt. Bercovici's section of assignment has not been announced. Karen Zuniga of TRAP was promoted to detective and transferred to Rampart Detectives. Det. Ivette Garay came to BAD-TRAP from WLA Detectives to replace Karen. Both of these detectives are graduates

time. Don't forget about them. Give them a telephone call and cheer them up. Still off are Lt. Al Corella, Dets.



BAD's Captain Ron Sanchez and Detective Barbara Bella standing tall at the luncheon for the Medal of Valor Awards.

Reggie Jackson, Yvette Moreno and George Marentez. Yvette has had neck



CATS assisting the Cargo Theft guys with the recovery of almost a million-dollar load, which included Harley-Davidson leather jackets. L-R are BAD Detectives Marc Zavala, Bob Rivera, Dan Nee, LaWayne Stiff, Steve Howe and Keith Jackson, all way too happy for 0300 hours.

of our ICI Vehicle Theft Course. Several months ago, Det. Tom Marchetti came to BAD-TRAP from 77th Division Detectives. Tom brings a lot of auto theft experience from his last assignment. Good luck to all of you in your new assignments.

### BAD's Newllyweds

Congratulations to Det. Paul Makarenko (CATS) and Officer Lizette Alvarado (No. Hwd.



Paul and Lizette Makarenko at their wedding.

Detectives). Paul and Lizette were married locally on Sept. 24th and honeymooned in beautiful Costa Rica. Paul is the ranking detective in their home, but Lizette insists she is the OIC!

### IOD

We still have several people off with IOD or have been indisposed for some

surgery. She is doing much better and hopefully she will return to work soon.

### Safe Driving Award

Recently the Automobile Club of Southern California recognized many of BAD Detectives for many years of safe driving. There were officers at the ceremony that received awards for 30 years or more and were recognized publicly. Those of us with 25 or more years were given plaques, uniform pins and a certificate good for one year of free AAA membership. The Club also provided lunch at the Awards Ceremony for all of us in attendance. It was a very positive event for the AAA and the LAPD.

### Super Jock

Congratulations to Det. Steve Howe for his prowess on the racquetball court at the Nevada Police Games. Steve's 125 MPH serve netted him a gold medal in the Men Single's for his age bracket and a bronze medal in the Men Single's "A" Category.

### Happy Birthday

Happy birthday wishes go to the following BAD people: Lt. Manny Avila, 11/8; John Byun, 11/10; Tom Marchetti, 11/12; Louis Cabrera, 11/15; Luke Magee, 11/23; Dennis Cicioni, 12/1; LaWayne Stiff, 12/3; Joseph Freia, 12/5; Elsie Chacon, 12/11; Denny Fuller, 12/14; Bob Rivera, 12/19; Troy Bybee, 12/22; and Dave Kennedy, 12/30.

## Voice VTD

by Kurt Garcia  
Valley Traffic Division

### "Same Day Service"

We are about to close the final chapter of this year. It seems like last week when we were standing by on modified Tac Alert for New Year's Eve.

Congratulations to Officer Dwight "Skip" Gillett and Reserve Officer George Lawless. They both received their 30-year pins from Chief Parks on 10/24/00. See pictures. Skip joined the LAPD family in April of 1969 and has been at VTD since 1987. George joined the LAPD in August of 1970 and has been with VTD since 1988. George plans on retiring next year. Present at the ceremonies were VTD Capt. Greg Meyer, Sgt. John Amott, Dana Gillett (Fthl Dets), Barbara Lawless and other family members.

On Nov. 2, Valley Traffic had a Civilian Staff Appreciation Day provided by the station fund. All civilian employees were treated to lunch at The Odyssey. Among those honored were Kelly, Marissa, Karen, Miriam, Aurora, Ingrid, Nancy, Juanita, Pam, Cathy & Kathy. Congratulations and keep up the good work! There was a great turnout with Sgt. Dale Turner and the CTSU squad and Det. 3 Bill Bustos with CIFU Detectives.

Kodak moment of the month goes to Dan Hartman who worked five hours

of O/T with a call of ambulance traffic involving a stolen car. For those of you who don't know, Dan will do everything in his power not to get overtime. (Sorry guys, the Blue Line doesn't accept Polaroid pictures.)

By the time you read this, Photo Enforcement should be up and running at Sherman Way and Winnetka Avenue. We must issue warnings for the first 30 days. So by January 1, 2001, citations will be issued. A progress report will come in a few months. Keep those front plate citations coming in!

Don't forget, our Christmas party is being held on Dec. 16th at the Encino Glen. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations and welcome to Justin Eisenberg who was promoted to lieutenant. Farewell to Lt. Don

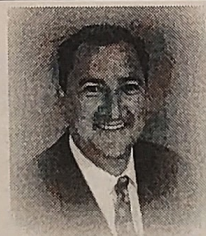


Chief Parks and Dwight "Skip" Gillett.

Lehman, who transferred to Rampart. Goodbye to E. Hughes and L. Johnson. You guys will be missed!

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

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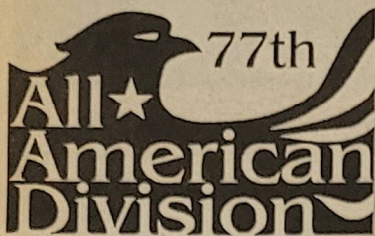
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Maria C. Marquez  
77th Division

### Ten and Counting

For most of the city it was just another Friday on November 3, 2000, but for 77th Street it was much more. Would we be able to pull things together and

matching outfits, and then others would visit our station and write little notes on our contest sign-up sheets. Of course it did not matter because we always came home with the trophy.

This time Transit Rail and Transit Bus combined their efforts and attempted to dethrone 77th Street. This competition will be known as the "recount the points competition," because there was no way that 77th won this time. At least not according to the Rail and Bus team. So in an attempt to keep the peace, this was accomplished, and lo and behold the trophy is where it belongs—at 77th Street.

Congratulations to all of you who participated. You did an outstanding job! A special congrats to Officer Al



77th Patrol, making fun in the sun...

once again win the departmental weight lifting contest for a tenth time? Or would we have to settle for second place?

The tension was high. Quite a few divisions were once again confident that they could defeat the "Power Pigs." In the past they would show up in cute

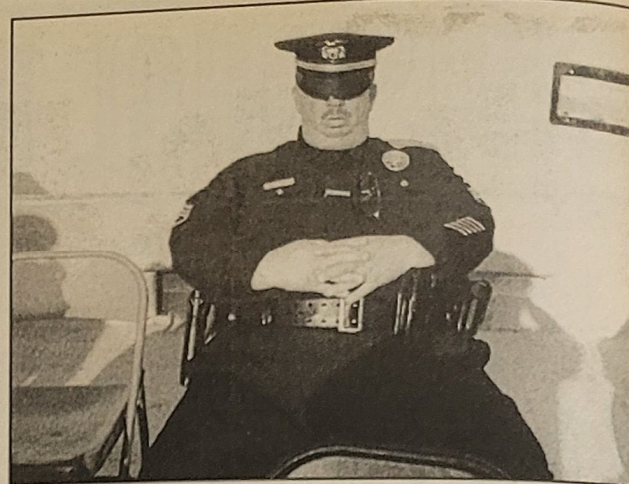
Franco, who set a new departmental record by lifting a total of 505 pounds. The old record was 485. Take a rest now, partner!

### Our D.R. # Sweetheart

When you visit our Records Department during P.M. Watch, you

will no doubt leave laughing or smiling if you've had the privilege to meet with our Mrs. Portia Chappel. Portia started with the Department in April of 1999. Prior to the Department, she worked as a transcriptionist for three years transcribing police reports for San Bernardino County polic-

ing departments. Portia is very knowledgeable in all phases of the record unit operations and performs all of her duties in a competent and proficient manner. If she does not know the answer, she knows where to go to find it. Portia was recently commended in her last rating for being a friendly, dependable and conscientious employee who has an outstanding working rapport with the civil-



A 77th Street Detective legend... Detective III Tom Sokarda

ian and sworn personnel at 77th Street. Portia is currently attending Cypress College where she is studying court reporting. So in the event someday she moves on, we can at least hope that one day we will see her in court! Thank you, Portia, for being such a sweet inspiration to 77th Street P.M. Watch!

### Crime Goes On

Well, like the rest of you we find ourselves getting ready for the holidays. Crime has been on the rise here at this house, and with the deployment given to us, we are going to do our best to address our problems. Once again we thank our sister bordering divisions for the help that you have been for us in recent months past.

All of us here at 77th Street wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday. May God be with you and work through you. And don't forget... "It all began with the birth of a child."



Miss Portia Chappel, 77th Street Records angel...



by Dave Dooros  
Narcotics Division

### Holiday Party Announced

The Narcotics Division Holiday party has been scheduled for December 12th and will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in San Gabriel. The evening will start with a No-Host bar at 6:30pm and dinner will follow at 7:30pm. Dinner will be a Buffet and I have been informed that the food will be excellent. This year the station fund committee chose to focus more on the raffle instead of the location. With this year's

party being held at the Double Tree, the prizes for the raffle have a greater share of the funds available. This will make for some very good prizes. A comedian is scheduled to perform and a DJ will provide all the tunes needed to dance the night away. I have been assured that the price will be kept below \$60 dollars per couple and tickets will be available by contacting Margaret in the Captain's office at (213) 847-0189. One note about tickets: there will be only 200 tickets available due to the size of the Double Tree location so buy early if you want to attend.

### Baker to Vegas

Calling all runners, calling all runners, please respond to the patio on the second floor of Central at 10am on the 1st payday in December for a team meeting. If you can't make it please contact Ron Granados or JR Rodriguez at 213 485 4504. The team is also looking for volunteers that can help out.

### Ins/Outs/Ups

Leaving us this Holiday month are D-1 Robert Boyd to ATD; D-1 Jesus Puente who trades a star in Detective rank for a Sergeants rocker at WVAL; P-3s Dwain Anderson and Dennis Lynch who both made Detective and will go to Northeast and Pacific respectively; and P-2 Manual Delgado leaves us for WVAL.

We lose two D-2s to retirement this month: James Warren and George Shelly. Good luck to you both.

Joining us this month are D-3 Jerry Ruffin (W/B Buy), and P-2s Juan Centeno (Harb Squad), Rosalba Serrano (S/B Buy), Steve Olson (V/b Buy), and Anthony Jackson (C/B Buy). Welcome to our happy home.

The admin office would also like to welcome MA1 Debbie Vernaci who joins us from Hollenbeck.

### Who Says Admin Isn't Dangerous

Not Sgt-II Kevin Kurzalls, that's who. Once upon a time, a Sgt-II was attempting to run cable above the ceiling panels. Not having a ladder he moved a desk over to the door above which the cable was to be run. Preparing to climb onto the table, he stepped on a chair and grabbed a hold of the doorjamb. As he lifted himself up, he drove his head straight into the doorjamb that he was holding onto. After he regained his senses, he was taken to the hospital where he received six stitches to the top of his head. Now ordinarily this would be the end of our

story, but not for Kevin. After his wound had healed enough for the stitches to be removed, he returned to the scene of the crime. While walking down the hallway toward a B/O copy machine that he was going to attempt to use, he slipped on some liquid that was on the floor. Another injury was sustained, this time a torn tendon in his ankle, and another trip to the hospital was undertaken. Instead of surgery, he was put into a walking cast for 3 weeks. Two back to back injuries in the station and ironically, Sgt Kurzalls is on the station safety committee. It is rumored that there will be several new tests added to the admin orals in Narcotics as a result of these incidents. Sgt Bob Clark stated that "We may need to start having a Tactical Admin portion of the oral where we have Walk the Hallway, Ladder Aptitude, and Copier Coordination Tests. Who says admin isn't dangerous!" They say accidents come in 3s... We'll be waiting....

### Positions Available

Sgt Bob Clark informed me that Narcotics is looking for a few good Detectives. Ok, so you only have to be breathing, pass a poly, and have 12-18 months table experience in a geographical division. If you think you have what it takes call Sgt Clark at 213-485-4044.

### Article Suggestions:

As always, I am looking for stories for the reporter. You can contact me on my personal pager at (310) 344-7486 or at the K-9 office. Stay safe and have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

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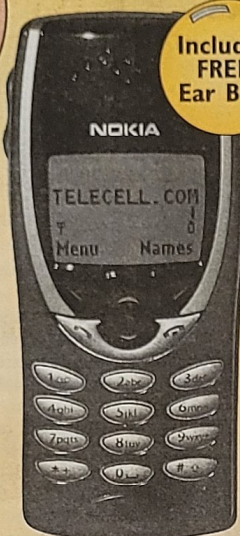


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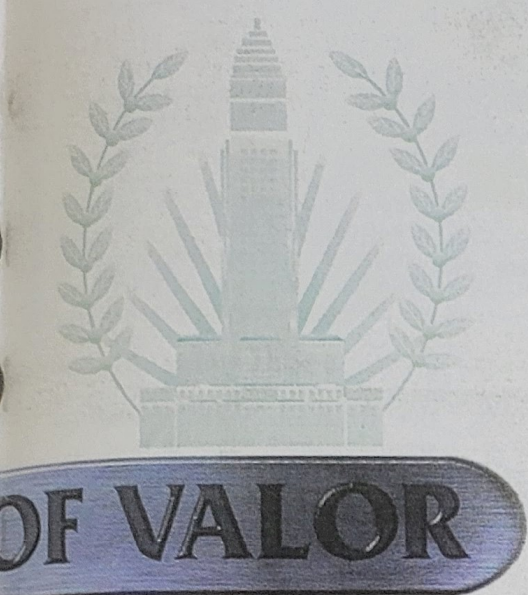
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Dominguez was on patrol in Pacific Area with his partner. A suspect carrying an assault rifle running toward a vehicle. With his training officer initiating pursuit, Officer

and his partner as the suspects proceeded into Culver City. Losing contact with the driver fleeing on foot. The suspects' vehicle, now facing the officers, opened fire with the assault rifle on the officers. Officer was sprayed with numerous rounds of gunfire. Officer Dominguez, who approached and passed his open door.

and his partner under extreme fire. On foot they returned fire at the suspect. The suspect was struck by officers' gunfire and died of his injuries. The suspect was struck by officers' gunfire and died of his injuries.

mon bravery, presence of mind and commitment to his partner. In the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, Officer Dominguez is awarded the Medal of Valor.

Coy was on patrol in Pacific Area with his partner when pursuing a fleeing suspect armed with an assault rifle. Officer and his partner followed the primary unit and the suspect.

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#### Officer Solis: #32316

"all units" radio call was broadcast to Foothill Area units. A suspect carrying an assault rifle running toward a vehicle. With his training officer initiating pursuit, Officer Solis and his partner were the first to arrive at the scene and formulate a plan of action. Three other officers arrived and searched the residence who might be in the line of fire. Officers were not aware of the suspect's presence, determining that she and the children were not in the residence. The suspect had access to several weapons.

er approached the residence and made several attempts to contact the suspect peeking through a front window, the officers retreated. Officer Solis and his partner then observed the suspect outside the residence. Officer Solis ordered the suspect to put down his weapon. The suspect refused to do so. Officer Solis and his partner then fired at the suspect. The suspect was struck by officers' gunfire and died of his injuries. The suspect was struck by officers' gunfire and died of his injuries.

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the residence but was observed at the front window pointing his finger at the officers. The suspect was struck by officers' gunfire and died of his injuries. The suspect was struck by officers' gunfire and died of his injuries.

to a safe location. Another responding officer, observing the suspect, fired 15 rounds at the center of the window. The other officers fired additional rounds at the suspect. Officer Solis and the other officers then moved to the location where he was treated for his wounds. The suspect then

ly stressful incident helped save the life of his partner and embody the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department. Officer Solis is hereby acknowledged with the Medal of Valor.



#### Officer Cynthia French: #23988

On the afternoon of December 31, 1998, North Hollywood Area Officer Cynthia French and her partner responded with other officers to investigate a radio call of a man with a gun causing a disturbance at a Studio City apartment complex. Two security guards and a tenant informed the officers that a man with a history of mental instability and under the influence of alcohol was in possession of at least two assault rifles. The officers searched the area and entered the suspect's apartment, not locating the armed individual but observing several assault rifle cases and several hundred rounds of ammunition. Communications Division was notified of the suspect's description and patrol units in the area were additionally notified.

Later that evening, a second call for service was received from the security guard at the complex, alerting officers that the suspect had returned to his apartment. Officers responded "in force" to assist and a tactical plan was formulated allowing the other officers to safely deploy and contain the suspect should he refuse to cooperate.

Utilizing a cellular phone, the suspect was contacted and requested that he come down to the North Hollywood Police Station for questioning. The suspect refused to cooperate and hung up the phone. At that point, officers including Officer French ordered the suspect out of the apartment. The suspect opened the door, stood motionless in the doorway, ignored all of the officers' commands to exit, and then closed the apartment door. Officers near the suspect's apartment could hear the metallic sounds of ammunition being loaded into weapons and then heard the sound of one round being fired behind the suspect's closed door. The suspect then opened the door and exited the apartment to confront officers. Realizing the suspect's superior firepower, the officers were directed to re-deploy as Officer French provided cover. The suspect then discharged numerous rounds at the officers.

Officer French, observing the suspect walking toward her, ordered him to "put the gun down." Ignoring the command, the suspect continued to advance and Officer French, fearing for her safety and the safety of the community, engaged the suspect in gun battle. Facing overwhelming firepower, Officer French was forced to re-deploy near the entrance of the apartment building. Hearing the sound of the suspect's weapon and observing bullets traveling through exterior walls in the direction of other officers, Officer French again engaged the suspect in gun battle, receiving a wound herself in her left arm and left torso. Undaunted by her severe wounds, Officer French, in a standing position, faced the suspect and fired again, receiving another wound to her right hand causing her to drop her weapon. Critically wounded, she sought cover and was carried to safety by other officers.

Officer Cynthia French is commended for her bravery and strength of mind and spirit in facing an armed suspect during his horrifying assault. In the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, Officer French is hereby acknowledged with the Medal of Valor.



#### Officer Romik Keshishi: #34712

On the afternoon of December 31, 1998, North Hollywood Area Officer Romik Keshishi and his partner responded with other officers to investigate a radio call of a man with a gun causing a disturbance at a Studio City apartment complex. Two security guards and a tenant informed the officers that a man with a history of mental instability and under the influence of alcohol was in possession of at least two assault rifles. The officers searched the area and entered the suspect's apartment, not locating the armed individual but observing several assault rifle cases and several hundred rounds of ammunition. Communications Division was notified of the suspect's description and patrol units in the area were additionally notified.

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After several gun battles and one officer receiving three gunshot wounds from the suspect reentered his apartment. As the suspect exited the apartment he observed Officer Keshishi and fired a "hail of bullets" at the officer. Fearing for his safety, Officer Keshishi re-deployed to the apartment garage area with another officer. Both officers watched in astonishment as the suspect entered the garage to hunt them down. Fearing for their safety and the safety of the other officers on the scene, Officer Keshishi and the other officers again engaged the suspect in gun battle. Relying on their training and tactics, they stood their ground until the suspect was struck by their gunfire and mortally wounded.

Officer Romik Keshishi is commended for his bravery and strength of mind and spirit in facing an armed suspect during his horrifying assault. In the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, Officer Keshishi is hereby acknowledged with the Medal of Valor.



#### Sergeant Joan Leuck: #24135

On the afternoon of December 31, 1998, North Hollywood Area Sergeant Joan Leuck responded with other officers to investigate a radio call of a man with a gun causing a disturbance at a Studio City apartment complex. Two security guards and a tenant informed the officers that a man with a history of mental instability and under the influence of alcohol was in possession of at least two assault rifles. The officers searched the area and entered the suspect's apartment, not locating the armed individual but observing several assault rifle cases and several hundred rounds of ammunition. Communications Division was notified of the suspect's description and patrol units in the area were additionally notified.

Later that evening, a second call for service was received from the security guard at the complex, alerting officers that the suspect had returned to his apartment. Officers responded "in force" to assist the primary unit and Sergeant Leuck formulated a tactical plan allowing the other officers to safely deploy and contain the suspect should he refuse to cooperate.

Utilizing a cellular phone, Sergeant Leuck contacted the suspect and requested that he come down to the North Hollywood Police Station for questioning. The suspect refused to cooperate and hung up the phone. At that point, one of the other officers ordered the suspect out of the apartment. The suspect opened the door, stood motionless in the doorway, ignored all of the officers' commands to exit, and then closed the apartment door. Officers near the suspect's apartment could hear the metallic sounds of ammunition being loaded into weapons and then heard the sound of one round being fired behind the suspect's closed door. The suspect then opened the door and exited the apartment to confront officers. Realizing the suspect's superior firepower, Sergeant Leuck directed the officers to re-deploy. The suspect then discharged numerous rounds at the officers.

Focusing her attention on a stairway landing, Sergeant Leuck anticipated the suspect's advance on her position as he continued firing at officers. Sergeant Leuck then observed the suspect's assault rifle barrel extend beyond the corner of the building. Sergeant Leuck and another officer engaged the suspect in a gun battle that resulted in the other officer being wounded by the suspect's gunfire. As the suspect reentered his apartment, Sergeant Leuck gained a position of advantage in the building's underground garage. The suspect again exited the building engaging in gunfire with another officer who joined Sergeant Leuck in the garage area. Both officers watched in astonishment as the suspect entered the garage to hunt them down. Fearing for their safety and the safety of the other officers on the scene, Sergeant Leuck and the other officers again engaged the suspect in gun battle. Relying on their training and tactics, they stood their ground until the suspect was struck by their gunfire and mortally wounded.

Sergeant Joan Leuck is commended for her bravery and strength of mind and spirit in serving the people of this city. In the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, she is awarded the Medal of Valor.



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## M.S.D. Notes

by Jeff Bert  
Management Services Division

### Greetings From MSD!

In this last month Management Services Division has said hi and goodbye to more people than a cruise director in the Bahamas. Within MSD the Manuals and Orders Unit gave a warm welcome to PIII David Koeh as our newest researcher. He stayed approximately seven minutes and then sprinted off to fill the MSD Captain's adjutant position. David is bright and charismatic (don't let his haircut fool you), and our unit's loss is definitely the Captain's gain. We also had to bid a farewell to Art Gomez of the Special Projects Unit. He promoted to Sergeant and transferred to West Valley. Art Gomez was an outstanding researcher whose diplomacy, good nature, and work ethic will be missed almost as

much as the chicken lunches he provided to the division so regularly.

MSD also welcomes Lt. Nancy Lauer as the new Officer in Charge, Special Projects Section. Lt. Lauer has the good fortune of having the largest desk in the history of MSD. Two small Bavarian forests went into the construction of her desk. It took fourteen of us just under two weeks to move the oak monolith with legs into her office. We are all happy to have her here, and we all know what desk to dive under in the event of an earthquake. Another welcome goes to Det. III Jamie Vermaat who just arrived at the Evaluation Unit.

A handful of MSD employees did an outstanding job in the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Mud Run. Taking fifth place in the Mixed "Boots and Utes" category were team members Sgt. Trish Milewski, Sgt. Dave Watson, Sgt. Wayne Levins, and Sgt. Patty Gerst. The whole muddy affair was documented on film by clerk typist, Linda Ulibarri and is now a small paperback novella titled *Herds of Nerds*, available this Christmas at most fine drug stores.

Until next time, don't swallow a paperclip.

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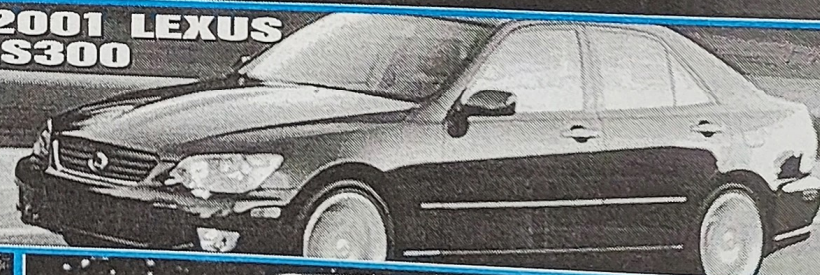
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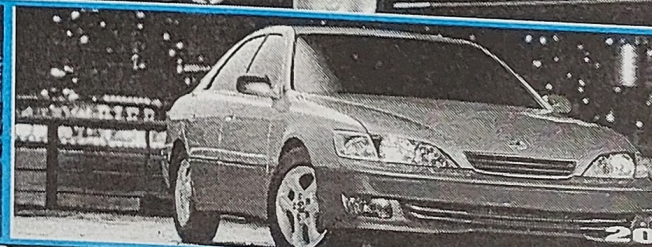
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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER



By Cathy Hardy  
Metropolitan Division

## Happy holidays!

Greetings from the lake. Can you believe 2000 is almost in the refrigerator? And what a year it was! More on that later. Merry, merry Kissmas to all, especially Mr. And Mrs. **Pagliotti and Samantha & Jake Villalobos**. I heard through the elf grapevine that the northwest U.S. is going to be the first stop on Santa's route this year.

## Believe

Please be sure to remember those whom you have not seen around 114 in a while. For those of you that are paranoid about developing cauliflower ear, 'tis the season Hallmark looks forward to with much anticipation. Not to mention the USPS. They even deliver on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-three cents is also much cheaper than a phone call for most folks. **Chuck Wohlfeiler, Timmy Russell, Toy "Gunny" Beard, Steve Beidle & Karen, Paul "Brat" Seban, Todd Rheingold and Kelly Shurian** are still on the injured reserve list.

## Celebratory Issues

Meanwhile, back inside room 221, happy anniversary wishes to three Metro veterans, **P. W. Anderson** (in Metro 11/13/70), Desk Commanders **Arturo Aguilar** (date in 11/2/69, that adds up to 31 years for you youngsters that can't count backwards past 1975) and **"Rock" Rockhold** (in 11/12/70). Anything or anybody in the history of the division, the department, or even the history of the city of Los Angeles you can query Rock or Art. Two great guys to work with. Thanks for checking in on me. XOXO. Also, happy birthday, Rock! Best wishes for many, many more.

## D Team Here I Come!

Speaking of celebrations, there are eight Metro men walking a couple of feet off the ground right now. October hosted the SWAT entry level PFQ, the SWAT selection process. My Intel sources advised me that between 35 and 40 (I just can't remember the exact number) started the competition. The eight finalists were placed on the eligibility list and are now attending basic SWAT school. My sincere congratulations to all who performed exceptionally during the week-long process. Kudos to **Ronnie Daniels** (mounted), **Jon Darrah** (B), **Gary Koba** (G), **Robert Gallegos, Jr.** (A), **Tim McCarthy** (G), **Mark Nee** (A), **Eduardo Perez** (B), and **Steve Weaver** (mounted).

## Maternity Ward

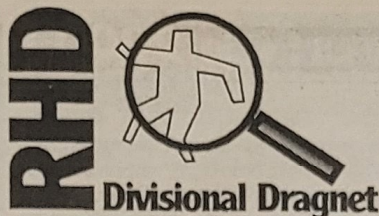
Present score, girls 3, boys 1. Congrats to D teamer **Troy Thomas** and family on the birth of his son, Trevor James, born on October 25<sup>th</sup>, weighing in at a healthy 8.5 lbs.

## 114 2000

As I mentioned earlier, this first year of the new millennium (Aha, you thought you had heard the last of that one!) brought many a change to 114. Beginning this new era with the major max deployment blow-out at the Academia on Dec. 31, 1999, for January 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by the ever-changing overtime policy, that *other* situation that the media has beaten into defunctness accompanied with the post major accusatory phase. And may I add at press time, the fat lady isn't singing yet. Next came the DNC. The outstanding performance award goes to, well you know, but of course the media beat us again with an ugly stick. This year some really great folks moved beyond all this. I know they miss *it*, but as far as the rest of the package goes, they no longer feel like they must have a Shiatsu massage at the end of the day. Class of 2000 retirees, Super Plus One **Donnie Anderson**, the "Silver Fox" **Dave "MexiCAN" Cervantes** (to be followed very soon by his former partner, entrepreneur extraordinaire . . .) **John**, former 21 Charles #&?!%\*?!, **Robertson**, and former B teamer **Chris Canales** (10-4 Burbank, I'm en route). Aren't there movie studios in Burbank? Chris, you should apply for a SAG card. In your daily travels you just might get discovered and be cast in the next Austin Powers flick. Best of luck to you and your family, Chris. Also moving on was the former, former 20David, Sgt. **Gil Waldron**. Sgt. Waldron is back home in Utah doing what he does best. Sir, it was an absolute pleasure and an honor to have worked for you. You were always the perfect gentleman and always willing to share your expertise and administrative insight to any who sought your guidance. Sincere wishes to you and your family for a long, blissful and healthy life of leisure. Also in the class of 2000 was former R-Cmdr **Rodger Coombs**. Capt. Coombs' departure made way for the new Sheriff in town, Capt. **Rich Roupoli**. Two very special former C & D teamers moved up the supervisory ranks. Now at Hollenbeck, **Rich "Rak" Rakitis** and over at Wilshire is **Joe Martinez**. Also on the up/out list was another outstanding person to work for, the one and only Capt. R-10 David, **Tom Runyen**, now C.O. 1 over at the 77<sup>th</sup> Street. Off the lineup as well as **Vicky Castro** from CAD and Susie Q's right hand woMAN, **Sharon Lovely**. There are very special people that all of us encounter some time in our lives, folks that strike a chord deep within that leave a permanent mark on your heart. Five years ago we lost the first Lady of Metro, **Madeleine DeFalco**. I truly miss her, still, and I have no doubt that she and **Louie** are up in Heaven chain-smoking (cancer sticks for Maddie and an imported Cuban for Lou) and sputtering many a comment that I can't print in this context! Two extraordinary individuals, gone, but shall never be forgotten. **Rick Tuttle** can sign a blank one on that.

## And to all a good night.

Until next year! Remember the reason for the season. R-10girl, clear. ❖



by Det. Tom Wich  
Robbery Homicide Division

## Commendable Incident

Well, the system does work and justice has prevailed. Det. III **Jerry Stephens**, Homicide Specials, provided the following:

On June 2, 1983, LAPD Motor Officer **Paul Verna**, #15086, was murdered in the line of duty during a traffic stop. Two parolees, Kenneth Gay and Raynard Cummings, who were responsible for a series of "brutal" armed robberies throughout the valley area, were driving a stolen car with cold plates when they were stopped by Officer Verna. It was during this stop that the suspects shot Officer Verna to death. These lowlifes were subsequently located and arrested. In 1985, a jury found them guilty for the murder and sentenced both of them to death.

On Dec. 24, 1998, during the appeal and review process, the California Supreme Court reversed the death penalty verdict for Kenneth Gay due to ineffective assistance of counsel. The Los Angeles District Attorney's office immediately announced that they would retry this case and again seek the death penalty. The D.A.'s prosecution team consisted of Head Deputy D.A. Jeffrey Jonas, assigned to the CAPOS (Crimes Against Police Officers Section), Deputy D.A. Lawrence Morrison, law clerks Peter Geisness, Jennifer Blair and Jennifer Cerna.

RHD, which is responsible for investigating crimes against police officers, assigned four veteran detectives exclusively to this case: D-III **Jerry Stephens**, #13612 (the lead investigator), D-III **J. R. Kwok**, #21819, (loaned from Robbery Specials), D-II **Joe O'Donnel**, #23063 (loaned from the Bank Squad), and D-II **Dennis English**, #23198 (Homicide Specials). Assisting the detectives during the trial portion were Officers **James Harper**, #30770, and **Nathan Butcher**, #31210,

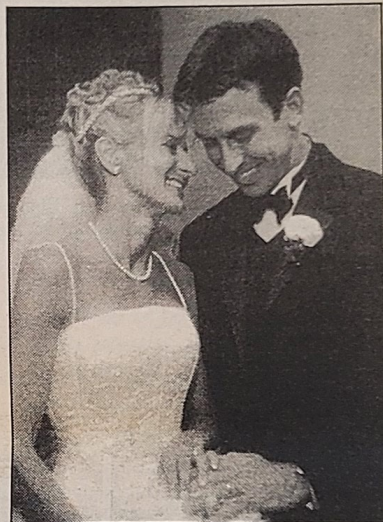
on loan from Metropolitan Division. For the next year, the detectives and officers dedicated their time into locating, re-interviewing and serving subpoenas to over 80 mostly reluctant and evasive witnesses that were now located in various cities throughout the United States.

The retrial began on Sept. 11, 2000, 17 years after that crime occurred, in department J, San Fernando Court, with Judge L. Jeffrey Wiatt presiding. On Oct. 18, 2000, after six weeks of testimony, the jury again returned with a verdict for death. We can now send Gay back to where he belongs, on Death Row where we hope his sentence will finally be carried out. RHD, along with the Verna and Jackson families, would like to thank all of the active and retired officers and friends, including Valley Traffic personnel who attended the trial to see justice administered for a dear friend.

For those of you that wish to attend, the formal sentencing will be Dec. 4, 2000, at 0900 hours in Dept. J, San Fernando Court.

## RHD Family Business

Congratulations to newlyweds **Phil** and **Pam Stirling** who tied the knot on



Phil and Pam Stirling married September 2, 2000.

Sept. 2. Phil is a DDA assigned to the DA's Hardcore section, while Det. Pam spends her "free" time assigned to RHD's Rape Specials, South Section. ❖

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



### Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts  
Pacific Division

#### Willis Bewilders Bruins

Pacific Area's Det. Larry Willis stands proud as his son, Jason Willis, gets his revenge against the Bruins.



Detective Larry Willis and his son Jason Willis (University of Oregon) stand proud after a big win over UCLA.

Jason had been recruited by the Bruins as a defensive player, but was determined to play offense. He was given that opportunity when he took his chances as a walk-on at the University of Oregon. On "College Game Day," in front of a national audience, he showed the Bruins just what he had, and what they lost. He played dual positions of wide receiver and running back, switching with player Maurice Morris. Between the offensive staff's game plan and Jason's key plays, they kept UCLA's defense off balance and outscored the Bruins 29-10. Although Jason's first drive was stopped just one yard short of scoring a touchdown, his 47 yards of total offense was an asset to the team's "big win" over the Bruins. Jason earned a scholarship last fall and "is becoming an increasingly bigger element in this year's offense." We want to wish Jason and the Ducks the best of luck this season and congratulations on a job well done!

#### Annual Open House

Our annual open house, held on Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, was a great suc-

cess. The Pacific Area Boosters Association sponsored the event, providing free hot dogs and drinks for community members. It was held in conjunction with the "Make a Difference L.A." campaign, resulting in almost 200 canned goods being donated. In addition, Capt. Gary Williams presented a certificate to Armstrong Nursery for their generous donation of plants, shrubs, trees and flowers to Pacific Community Police Station for the beautification project. Though it rained early on, it cleared up just in time for community members' arrival. There were many booths and displays on hand, including: three K-9 handlers and their dogs, the SWAT Team, the L.A. County Lifeguards, the L.A. County Sheriff's Dept., L.A. County Fire Station #62, West Traffic Motor Units, Communications Division, CPAB, and Pacific Area Reserves, Explorers, and DAPS. Deputy-Chief Kalish also attended the event, along with many other prominent community members. It was especially nice to see the many family members of Pacific Area Officers who came out to show their support. Officer Rayney Arnold did an excellent job planning the event. Rayney, Sgt. Greg Glodery, Officer Michelle Eskridge, and myself worked very hard to help make the event a success, which it was. We thank all who participated and appreciate all who came.

#### Halloween Haunt Hoopla

This year's Halloween Haunt was just as exciting as anticipated. Officers Michelle Eskridge, Rayney Arnold and (special assistance from) Beverly Beasley worked long, hard hours to set up the props for a spectacular spook. The event was held on Halloween night, which provides children in the community a safe haven to enjoy Halloween festivities. Approximately 700-800 kids participated in this year's event. We want to thank Sony Studios for their numerous and exceptional prop donations, as well as several local stores for their generous donations of candy.

#### Records and Support Recognition Day

November 1<sup>st</sup> was proclaimed as Law Enforcement Records and Support Personnel Recognition Day. I understand most of the divisions celebrated the day in a variety of different ways. We here at Pacific Area threw a barbecue for our crew. The Community Relations Unit, along with the assistance of "master chef" Det. Ron Cade,

prepared tri-tip and marinated chicken on the "barbie." We also had a caesar salad, potato salad, soda and dessert. The event took place at our "Island of the Pacific" (newly landscaped median in the rear parking lot) and was attended by Deputy-Chief Kalish. We want to

BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!! See Judith in Admin. Or any CRO officer to purchase your tickets!

#### Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to the following people who have recently been



Pacific Area Records personnel are appreciated on Records and Support Personnel Day.

promoted: Det. Brent Honore (after six years here at Pacific—five+ as a SLO) has gone to SW, Det. Gamino went to SE, P-3 Rowan and MA2 Palka who remain here at Pacific. Best wishes to you all.

#### Movin' In

We want to welcome the following people who recently transferred into Pacific: Newly promoted Det. Lynch in from ND, newly promoted Det. Keyzer in from NHWD, Sgt. Showler over from SE, Sgt. Smith in from SE, Ofcr. Thompson in from COMM, Ofcr. McCabe in from FTHL, Ofcrs. Mares and Rodriguez in from HARB, Ofcr. Maffei in from HOBK, Ofcr. Vargas over from NEWT, Ofcr. Lee in from NHWD, Ofcr. King over from PER, Ofcr. Wade in from SE, Ofcr. Gowan in from SW, Ofcr. Reuser in from WVLA, and Ofcrs. Hoover and Strasner in from TD-REC.

#### Movin' Out

We want to wish the following people the best of luck with their new endeavors: Sgt. Slater who went to DEV, Det. Pitcher who went to VNYS, Ofcr. Ribitzki who went to HARB, Ofcr. Mathias who went to SW, Ofcr. Lujan-Illsley who went to WB (here in our very own parking lot), Ofcr. Chrisman who went to COMM, Ofcr. Garcia who went to DARE, Ofcr. Dorcas who went to SE, Ofcrs. Kim and Piro who went to SW, my bud Jensen who went to TD, Ofcr. Carbonara who went to WB, and Ofcr. Baker who went to WVLA.

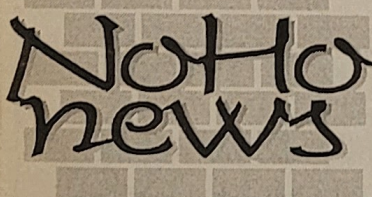


Deputy Chief Kalish and PCP III Marlene Greenfield enjoy the BBQ lunch in recognition of Law Enforcement Records and Support Personnel Day.

thank all the Records and Support Personnel for their endless efforts on a daily basis. Their commitment to this department is appreciated by all.

#### Pacific's "Holiday Gala"

This year's holiday party is being held on Friday night, Dec. 15, 2000. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. (cocktails and hors d'oeuvres) with dinner being served at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Los Angeles Westside, 6161 Centinela Avenue, Culver City (approximately two miles from Pacific Station). There will be plenty of entertainment and dancing, as well as many exciting door prizes. Please get your tickets early! Tickets are \$40 through Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, and \$45 from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS WILL



By D.C.  
North Hollywood Division

#### Community Honors Slain Officer

A memorial for Tina Kerbrat was held at Sun Valley Park on Oct. 21, 2000, at 1000 hours. During the ceremony, city officials and community

activists honored Officer Kerbrat by dedicating a bronze plaque in her name. Approximately 150 people attended the event. City officials, community members, police personnel, fire personnel, as well as members of Officer Kerbrat's family were present. Officer Tina Kerbrat was the first female Los Angeles Police Officer killed in the line of duty. Officer Kerbrat was killed on Feb. 11, 1991, during routine patrol in North Hollywood Area. It has been nearly a decade since her death, but clearly she has not been forgotten.

#### Promotions

Congratulations to Officers Sterling Seamus, #33806, and Colin Braudrick, #33447. They are North

Hollywood's most recently appointed Police Officer III's. Good job, guys!

#### Deliveries

Congratulations to Officer Daniel Widman and his wife, Julie, on the latest addition to their family. Julie delivered a healthy baby girl named Hailey Kate Widman on Sept. 20, 2000, weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz., and was 21 inches long.

Congratulations to Officer James Miller and his lovely wife, Officer Stacy Gann Miller who gave birth to a

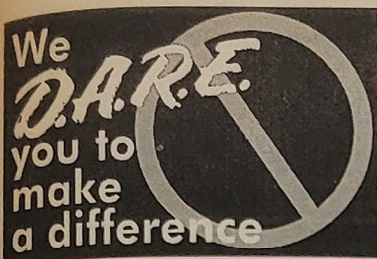
bouncing baby girl. Emily Mae Miller was born on Oct. 29, 2000, at 0516 hours and weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz., and was 20 inches long.

#### Greetings

Many hellos and well wishes extended to Sgt. Warren Jones who is recovering from a stomach-related disorder. He has been off for several months and we at North Hollywood sincerely hope that the doctors got to the bottom of things. Hurry back, Sarg!

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by Mark Horton  
D.A.R.E. Division

## Comings and Goings

In the past couple of months D.A.R.E. Division has been fortunate to receive the following personnel: Lt. II Lee Allen, #20459, who came over from Foothill Division. D.A.R.E. Division had the opportunity to work with him during the DNC 2000, deployed at the Staple Center. During our deployment at the Staple Center, he stated, "Before working with D.A.R.E. I didn't have much of a positive image of D.A.R.E., but what I've seen here working with all of you I will proudly wear a D.A.R.E. pin on my uniform." It was obvious that the officers enjoyed having dialogue with him, as he walked to each officer's assigned post and engaged each officer in conversation.

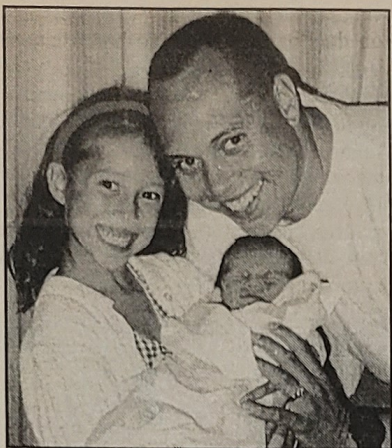
D.A.R.E. Division would also like to give a warm welcome to Sgt. I Ken Roth, #23877, who transferred over from Internal Affairs.

P-2s Lisa Garcia, #33471, from Pacific Division, John Derouen, #31556, from Southwest Division, Paul Ahn, #31953, from Wilshire Division, and Jodie Robitaille, #33629, also from Southwest Division.

## Congratulations

Congratulations go out to P-III Shannon Allan, #30023, on her promotion to Sgt.-I. Shannon was assigned to West Valley Division for her first tour of duty. As a patrol sergeant, Shannon was instrumental in her involvement with the prestigious training cadre in D.A.R.E. Division. She will definitely be missed. Stay safe, good luck with your quest in body for life.

Congratulations on the promotion wheel where P-2 Officer Carolyn Jones, #30999, who was promoted to Det. I at 77th Division, where she is working the C.A.P.S. Table, and P-2



Officer Yvette Bass, #30137, who was promoted to Det. I at Southwest Division. Det. Jones and Det. Bass were instrumental in developing the police academy magnet programs at Dorsey High School and San Pedro High School over the past two years. Students, faculty and D.A.R.E. Division as a whole will surely miss their presence. Good luck to both of you.

## Newborns/Marriages

Congratulations and welcome to the following personnel: Debbie Alamaguer, #30079, of D.A.R.E. Division and her newborn baby boy (Joshua James), who was born on Monday, 9/18/00. Officer Robert Loya and his son Robert Anthony Loya, 7 lbs., 4 oz., born 10/5/00.

Officer Bernard Fitzpatrick, #24327, was married on 7/19/00 in Palos Verdes and spent his 4-day honeymoon in Morro Bay, California.

Lily Fuentes, (D.A.R.E.'s Sr. Clerk Typist) formally known as Lily Sanchez, was happily married on 9/16/00 at St. Vincent Church and spent seven days on the beautiful island of Maui.

Officer Gregorio De La Rosa, #32067, was married on 9/5/00 in Jerusalem.

Officer Chris O'Donnell, #32115, was married in July on the scenic island of Hawaii and spent his honeymoon in England.

Officer Troy Abordo, #32515, was married on 9/13/00 in the city of Bellflower. He spent seven memorable days on the island of Tahiti.

## Joining the Ranks

Pictured from left to right is Shaun Holguin, #35643, who is the son of P-III D.A.R.E. Officer Ruben Holguin, #21424 (center). Shaun graduated from the academy on 10/20/00. Ruben Holguin's other family members on LAPD include: Rev. Joe Holguin (the Department Chaplain of Foothill Division) and his other son (right),



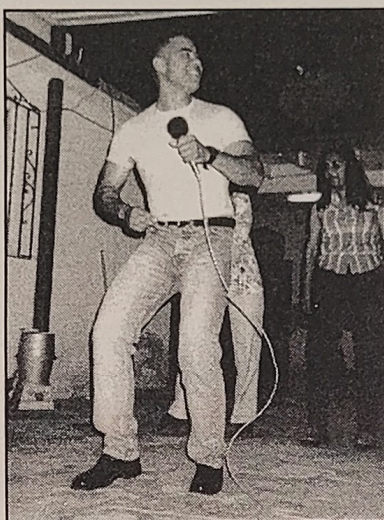
Eric Holguin, #34551, of Pacific Division.

## Training Cadre

While D.A.R.E. Division's "B" Training Cadre stayed here on the mainlands, the "A" Training Cadre traveled to Wiesbaden, Germany, to deliver the D.A.R.E. curriculum to the Department of Defense and dependent schools.

I would be remiss in my duties as a reporter if I did not mention our "C" Training Cadre that traveled across the border to Mexicali to deliver the junior high school curriculum to the Polocia Officials. We were actually able to bring a photo from that training.

Is it Ricky Martin? No, it's Officer Angel Vega, #31334, "living the vida



loca, with chicas from Mexicali." Word has it that he will be releasing his new CD soon—"Living the DARE Loca."

## Visitors

On 10/20/00, D.A.R.E. Division was graced with a visit of 17 police officials from Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). They were visiting selected cities in the United States to do fact finding on community-based policing.

## Public Appearances

Officer Amy Standage, #32176, had a visit from former Chief Darryl Gates, who made a guest appearance at Hillside Elementary on 10/20/00. We at D.A.R.E. Division would like to give a personal thank you to him for implementing such a significant program that has and continues to gain national notoriety.

On 10/21/00, approximately 17,000 kids participated in Kids Day L.A. at Griffith Park. Chief Parks was present and the D.A.R.E. vehicle was proudly on display. Officers H. Gageby, #34079, L. Smith, #27542, K. Wright, #26617, K. Young, #32615, and Sgt. Wright, #24380, distributed handouts and had an opportunity to do yet another community-based policing event.

## Upcoming Events

D.A.R.E. Division will be eagerly looking forward to having its division Christmas party which will take place at the Beverly Garland Hotel, on Dec. 20, 2000, at 1200 hours til 1600 hours.

Get ready for Baker to Vegas, only this time we plan on placing much better than we did in 2000.

## Recruitment

If you are looking for an opportunity and to be the catalyst for community-based policing contact D.A.R.E. and ask to speak to Sgt. Dillard, (213) 485-4856.

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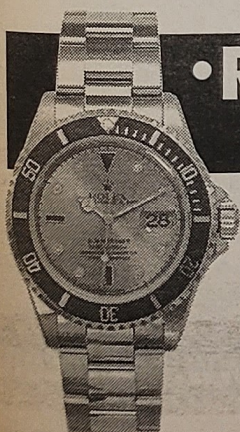
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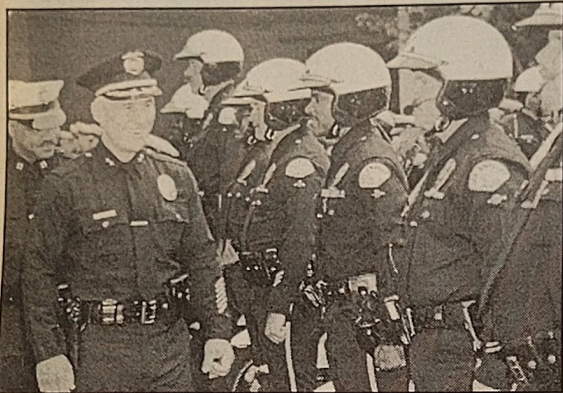


## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### TRAFFIC TALK

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla  
South Traffic Division

Greetings amigos. All at South Traffic Division forward happy thoughts of good will as we approach the holidays. When this article reaches your doorstep, we will have elected a new commander in chief to lead our great country into this new century.



Divisional Inspection Day - Motors

#### Formal Divisional Inspection

On Thursday, Oct. 19, South Traffic Division was at its spit-shining best as our troops were standing tall at our divi-



Divisional Inspection Day - C.I.

sional inspection. Deputy Chief Lachasse and Comm. Gray dutifully performed a thorough inspection of South Traffic Division, beginning with the station, then of the troops lined up in ranks. I am proud to report that South Traffic Division passed with flying colors.

#### The President Arrives

On Thursday, Oct. 30, the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza (where South Traffic Division is located) hosted a "Get Out and Vote" rally. The days leading up to this event had South Traffic Station swarming with secret service personnel as our station became a mini command post. I must say that it is impressive to see the safety preparation required wherever the president is to be.

It is a very sobering thought, but true that our president is the most powerful individual on planet Earth and his security cannot be compromised. Here is one short anecdotal story as relayed to me from one officer, **Harold Hills**, while the President was here. (Remember, I was not present so I can neither confirm nor deny the validity to the following facts.)

I believe we all know that President Clinton is a very personable man. Following the rally, the President came into South Traffic Division. While inside, he was very gracious and took time to greet everyone here. One should mention that due to the heavy security one should never make any quick or furtive movements in the vicinity of the President. If you recall in my last *Blue Line* article, Officer Hills had vacationed in Washington, D.C. and had taken a photograph standing with the White

House in the background. Officer Hills had it in mind to get this photo autographed should the opportunity present itself. While the President was inside the station in the hallway area by the Watch Commander's office, Officer Hills realized the photo was atop a trophy case located about 30 feet from his location. The President was between the photo and Officer Hills. (This is where the theme to Mission Impossible kicks



President Clinton and Officer Harold Hills.

in.) Utilizing his training and experience to accomplish a goal, Officer Hills motioned to a Secret Service agent standing near the photo to pick it up and give it to the Secret Service agent next to the President. This occurred and when President Clinton had a moment he looked at the photo which had a Post-It with Officer Hills' name written on it. Utilizing his powers of observation, President Clinton scanned those

around him and locked in on Officer Hills. Now what happened next is open to speculation. You be the judge. According to Officer Hills, this is what President Clinton stated (while pointing to Officer Hills): "Oh that's Harold; Harold come on over here." Officer Hills dutifully obeyed and was greeted by President Clinton as if they had been long-lost buddies. I don't know of many folks who are called by their first name

by the most powerful individual on Earth, but apparently LAPD has an officer who can say it happened.

#### Departures

South Traffic Division would like to send our very best regards to one of its finest collision investigation training officers, Officer **Sandy Kim**. Officer Kim has promoted to the rank of Sergeant

of Police and Wilshire Division will be the recipient of her many talents. Congratulations!

#### Final Thoughts

As always, don't forget your fellow officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call. Finally, Motors keep the rubber side down, and CI keep the light bar off of the pavement.

## DHD

By Mary E. Lopez  
Detective Headquarters Division

#### Ho, Ho, Ho, Season's Greeting to All

Well, another year has gone by and Christmas shopping is upon us one more time. How fun it is looking for parking at the mall and once you get in you see those wonderful, long lines in the department stores. Your loving kids are screaming "I want that" at every toy advertised on television, and you allow your children to sit on a stranger's lap just because he is wearing a red suit and has a white beard. But you can't beat that Christmas spirit—drivers let you merge into traffic without yelling or honking their horn, you are greeted cheerfully by merchants and the general public, and everywhere you turn there is hot apple cider and spice bread. 'Tis the season to be jolly . . . enjoy!

This year DHD decided that it was time to have a real holiday party with all the fixin's, so along with RHD, FCD and BAD, we will be hosting our holiday party on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Bonaventure Hotel. We are hoping for a successful turnout so all of you old dinosaurs take the cobwebs out of those pockets, drop down some dough, and for once take your spouse somewhere other than Denny's. All kidding aside, this is sure to be a blast, so come join in on the festivities.

#### Missing Persons Unit

Look who's featured on the [www.lapd-online.org](http://www.lapd-online.org) front page Web site under the new instant access feature/LAPD Missing Persons in the greater Los

Angeles area. Maybe it's one of your old long-term "who dunnit" cases. Every several weeks a new missing person is being profiled from our adult missing cases. Check us out for photos and missing persons information.

A special thank you to all LAPD personnel who assisted in the reporting and handling of 3,477 missing adult cases which resulted in a 98.96% clearance rate.

#### Promotions

Congratulations goes out to **Bruce Kuehl**, **Alvin Arthur**, **Rosibel Smith**, **John Roeda** and **Cherie Claire** all of whom moved on to the wonderful world of D-II . . . and personnel complaints and audits and working DID on the weekend, ha, ha, ha . . . oops I meant congratulations again.

#### Farewell

Congratulations and adios goes out to **Alex Vargas** on making D-I and going to Rampart (yes, folks, he asked to go there), **Janet Owens** on making D-II and moving on to IAD, and secretary J. McMahon who is moving on to R&I.

#### Welcome

DHD welcomes newcomers **Rachel Raigoza** from North Hollywood Division, **Asha Hotep** from Risk Management Division, and **Cherie Claire** from IAD.

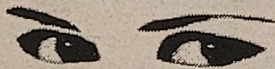
**Eddie Badillo** welcomes a grandson, Adam Jonathan Badillo, born 10/30/00, weighing in at 8 lbs., 10 oz. (Hey, Eddie, so how old are you?).

#### Sympathy

DHD sends its deepest sympathy to Det. **Rosibel Smith** on the loss of her grandmother and to Officer **Curtis Handford** on the loss of his father and then the unexpected death of his brother.

Until next time, happy holidays and stay safe.

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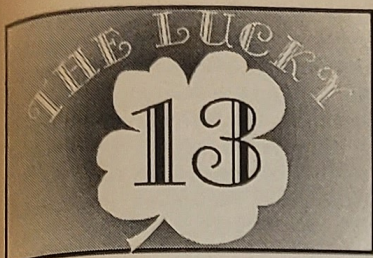
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by Jeff Churchill  
Newton Division

### Commendable Capers

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10851 V.C. award recipients

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For a few of our officers this was their second, third and fourth awards.

### Newton Reunion

On Friday, Oct. 13, 2000, Newton (Street) Area celebrated its 75th anniversary. Approximately 200 current, former, and retired Newtonites

from all parts of the country gathered at the Elysian Park Academy (the original academy) for a reunion. **Ralph** and **Sandra Aske** traveled from Oahu, Hawaii, and **Wayne Abernathy** rolled in from Alabama just to name a couple.

Everyone received a commemorative t-shirt and those who wished purchased collector coffee mugs. Plenty of steak, chicken, baked potatoes with all the fixin's were available for all.

It was good to see **Gail Ryan** and that she is still working on her novel. When asked when it was going to be finished she said, "Which one?" Apparently she and retired Capt. **Bob Gale** and a few others are currently putting together a history book about the Department. Can't wait for that to come out. It was also nice to see many old friends sharing old stories with each other and with the younger Newtonites. This helps continue the tradition of the Newton family, because we are family.

A special thanks goes out to **Kelly Baitx**, **J. D. Furr**, **Rosa Moreno**, **Sandra Rosas**, **Paul McConnell**, **Bobby Hill**, **Reggie Gay**, **Jose Santiago**, **Susan Hillman-Speakman**, **Alex Morales**, **Gloria Loia**, **Gloria Wood**, **Adriana Rodriguez**, **Roxanna Cristerna** and anyone else I forgot.

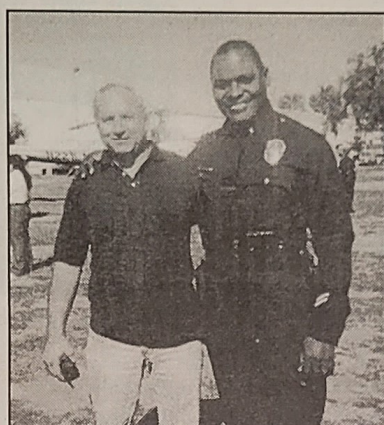
It was a great gathering.

### Newton Community Cleans Up

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 2000, Newton Area headed up a community clean-up from 41st Street to 48th Street and from Hooper Avenue to Long Beach Ave. Approximately 150 community members were assisted by Bureau of Street Use, Bureau of Sanitation and



Reunion 2000



Community cleanup!

various other city and county departments in an effort to take the streets back with graffiti removal and a little early neighborhood spring cleaning. The clean-up was a success with a bit of barbecue at Ross Snyder Park for all those who participated in the event.

### Congrats

Recently promoted to P3+1 were Officers **Steve Carrillo**, **Reggie Gay**, **Anthony Diaz**, and **Pete Torres**. If you thought you were busy before, just wait. Congratulations!

Also, Officers **Kevin Jolivet**, **Augie Caballero**, **Ruben Moreno** and **Gilbert Silva** were promoted to detective and heading out. And, finally **James Canales** was promoted to sergeant.

Congratulations to all!!

### Ins and Outs

A big welcome goes out to Sgt. **Paulson**, Sgt. **Bob Dietz**, Det. **Verschueren**, Officers **Grasso**, **Crane**, **Infante**, P-1s **Contreras** and **Pena**.

A big see-ya goes out to Sgt. **Gary Panosian**, Dets. **D. Dejarnette**, **Roseria Moreno**, Officers **Jerrold Wert**, **Mike Fairchild** and to **Mauricio Vargas**.

Happy holidays to everyone!!

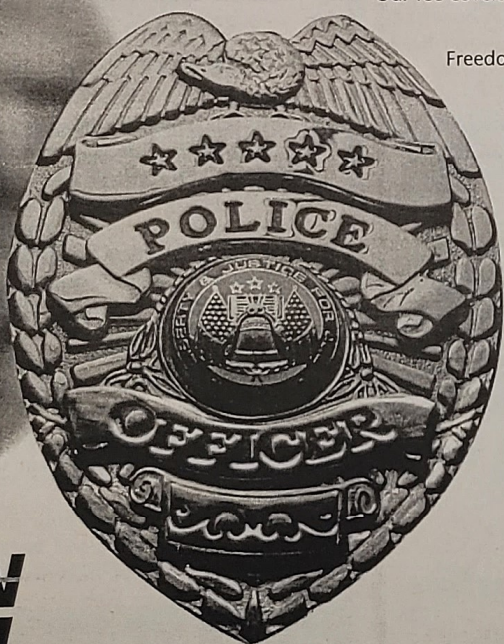
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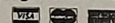
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

# 18 SOUTHEAST

by Chuck Hicks  
Southeast Division

Well, the holidays are upon us once again. Time for family and friends to come together and celebrate the past year. It's also probably one of the most dangerous times to be a copper, so be alert and keep your mind on the job at hand.

### Southeast Awards

On Nov. 17, 2000, Southeast will hold an awards luncheon for employees selected by their peers as outstanding employees. The following people are: Supervisor of the Year **Kathryn Meek**, Detective Supervisor of the Year **Sal Labarbera** and **Robert Long**, Officer of the Year **Christopher Hajduk** and **Sam Marullo**, Detective of the Year **Andrea Lucie** and **Marcella Fathauer**, Reserve Officer of the Year **Mannie Price**, Civilian of the Year **Shanda Wright**, Volunteer of the Year **McCary Montgomery**.

Also being recognized are honorees for the gun recovery program and officers receiving the 10851 pins. First the

officers that have recovered ten or more guns: **Peter McCoy**, **Dean Monteleone**, **Mario Aguilar**, **Dominick Iasparro**, **Christian Mrakich**, **Sam Marullo**, **Benjamin Perez**, **Gary Ricco**, and **Jason Thompson**. Officers receiving

10851 pins: **Peter Bueno**, **Dean Monteleone**, **Mario Aguilar**, **Adrian Koval**, **Carlos Olmos**, **Marcus Smith**, **Michael Barz**, **Melvin Hernandez**, **Robert Worrall**, **Kevin McNamee**, **Paul Avila**, **Todd Behrens**, **Michael Nagle** and **Catarino Perez**.

### Bench Press

On Nov. 3, 2000, the Bench Press competition took place at the Academy. The following people participated in the event: First the women from Southeast, **Dalila Vieczarra**, **Marcella Piersol**, **Joy Smith**, and **Kathryn Meek**. Now the men, **Ozzie Delgadillo**, **Erik Shear**, **James Swift**, **James Gaffney**, **Jesus Reza**, **Fernando Mora**, **Ron Gilder**, and **James May**. Thanks to all who took the time to go out and represent Southeast at the Bench Press. I don't have the final

results of where we placed. I should have them by the next *Blue Line*.

### Birth Announcements

On Oct. 22, 2000, **Nick** and **Angie Millazo** were blessed by the birth of their son, **Andrew Dominick Millazo**. Andrew was about five weeks early but still weighed in at six pounds even. I



Lt. Krejci falling for the old shaving cream on the telephone trick.

spoke with Nick; Mama and baby are doing fine.

### Who's Coming and Who's Going

Who's coming: **Sgts. Ponce**, **Dibell**, **Canales**, **Det. I Vargas**, **Dets. Secrest**, **Jolivet**, **Gamino**, **Havens**, **P.O. 3 Williams**, **P.O. 2 Dorcas**, **P.O. 1's Briner**, **Reyna**, and **Delgadillo**. Who's

going: **Sgt. Stone** to **Hollenbeck**, **Sgt. Smith** to **Pacific**, **Sgt. Labrada** to **Wilshire**, **Det. Verschueren** to **Newton**, **Det. Mendoza** to **Wilshire**, **Det. Lim** to **West L.A.**, **Sgt. Hargreaves** to **Central**, **Sgt. Showler** to **Pacific**, **Det. Brugger** TSS, **P.O. 2 Olmstead** to **Foothill**, **P.O. 2 Harsma** to **Hollenbeck**, **P.O. 2 Stout** to **North Hollywood**, and **P.O. 2 Wade** to **Pacific**.

These officers are our new P.O. 3's from within: **Officers Cantu**, **Lara**, **Rivera**, **Vazquez**, **Wilson** and **P.O. 3+1 Sauvao**. Congratulations to all of you for your new position.

**Det. 3 Sal Labarbera** was lucky enough to be able to go back to New York and see games two and three of the World Series. He just wanted to let me know that Southeast was represented at the World Series. Thanks for the sacrifice, Sal.

### Missing Officers

Some officers have asked me if I had seen **Officers Campbell** and **Contreras** around. I hadn't seen them around for some time. Finally one day I saw **Campbell** walking through the station. I decided to follow him to see where he was hiding. He led me to an office in the back of the station that I did not even know existed. Sure enough there sitting at a desk and looking at a FASTRAC map was **Officer Contreras**. **Officer Campbell** and **Contreras** are working in CAD making FASTRAC maps.

Well, that's all for this month. Keep your heads up and always be proud to put your badge on your chest. Don't let things get you down and be safe and keep on keeping on.



by Jack H. Schonely  
Air Support Division

### Multi 4 Retirement

On Oct. 27, Air Support Division had a big multi 4 retirement party at the Academy. The celebration of retirement honored **Sgt. Bob Good**, **Frank Provenzano**, **Rich Sharpe**, and **Paul Holmen**. There was a great turnout for the event. As always with ASD retirements, all the people who made this division what it is today came out of the woodwork from all over the west to help celebrate. Because **Bob Good** is an old SWAT Dog, we were honored to have quite a few SWAT legends from the good old days in attendance. Chief **Parks** stopped by to say some kind

words to the honorees and pointed out how many years of valuable experience were leaving ASD in these four officers. **LAPPL Vice President Dennis Zine** attended the event and made a very nice presentation. **Dennis** also was prepared to by all of us breakfast if the party went too long. Thanks for being there, **Dennis**. **Angela Krieg**, **Deb Kickbush**, and **Jim Heintzman** worked very hard in the preparation for this large-scale party. Thanks for your efforts. We all appreciate it.

To **Bob**, **Frank**, **Rich**, and **Paul**, congratulations and best of luck to all of you and your families for a great retirement. You will all be missed.

### TFO News

After four months of intense training, **Jaime Marin** and **Bob Harrell** have both received their Tactical Flight Officer wings. These are two quality police officers that ASD is lucky to have. All of you are going to benefit as well when they are working over head. Congratulations to both of you, and welcome to ASD.

Recently a Special Flights TFO took a different kind of flight and broke his

wrist. **Tim Gilbert** was helping his neighbor put a tarp over some hay when the ladder broke and **Tim** took a short flight with a hard landing. Get well soon, **Tim**.

Air Support just completed Tactical Flight Officer oral interviews. Chief **TFO Rich Loeffler** tells me that the interviews went very well. By the time you are reading this article the list will be published. For those of you that made the list, congratulations and start studying your map book. For all of you that have an interest in coming to Air Support Division as a Tactical Flight Officer, orals come up approximately twice a year and it is very competitive. It is never too early to begin your preparation, so stop by or call us and we will gladly answer all of your questions. You need a minimum of five years with LAPD at the time of the interview. We are looking for officers with patrol experience and good tactical knowledge.

### Pilot Stuff

Congratulations to **Sgt. Earl "Bob" Akermann** and **Sgt. Bill Shortley** for completing pilot training and receiving their Command Pilot wings. Both of the wings ceremonies went well with lots of friends, family, and coworkers around to help celebrate. I think **Bonnie Ackermann** and **Linda Shortley** were the happiest guests in attendance because they may now have their husbands back. **Bob** and **Bill** worked very hard with many hours of study at home to accomplish this goal. Both of the sergeants are now flying ASRTO and are glad to be out of training. Great job, **Bob** and **Bill**.

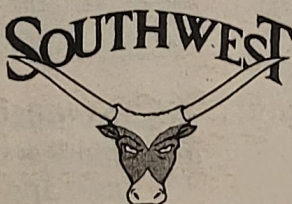
In the past few weeks three more pilots went the extra mile and became

certified flight instructors. **Lt. Dwight Crosley**, **Lt. Rick Smith**, and **Offr. Bob Harkins** all completed the additional written tests and flight test to become CFIs. Nice work by all three to make ASD a better division.

### ASD Tip of the Month

Occasionally a warning light illuminates in the cockpit that requires the crew to "land as soon as possible." In most cases this is a precautionary measure but it must be taken. If the crew is flying over Balboa and Sherman Way or Centinela and Venice, the choice is obvious—they land at an airport. However, most places in the city limits do not have an airport right under where the crew is, so the crew looks for a location where it is safe to land a helicopter. Golf courses, parking lots, open fields, parks, and even an intersection could be where the crew has to park the ship. This is where all of you officers on the ground come in. The TFO will make a broadcast on the divisional frequency of the problem and intentions of where they are going to set down. If you hear this, we would like you to respond to the area and secure it as best you can. Keep pedestrian and vehicle traffic well back from the location. Advise the crew of any obstacles you observe such as wires and you should also stay clear of the running helicopter. The tail rotor is particularly dangerous to anyone who approaches a running helicopter. Please use extreme caution when you respond to an incident like this. Recently **Newton** and **Southwest** officers did a great job for a crew that made two precautionary landings at 39th and Menlo in one shift. As you read last month, they appreciated your efforts. Always watch your six.

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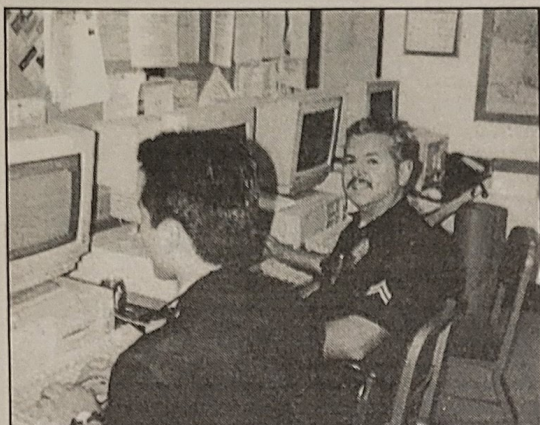


# West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey  
West Los Angeles Division

Good afternoon and welcome to this edition of *The Thin Blue Line*, December, 2000. "You're either part of the problem or part of the solution. I want to be part of the solution."—that from recent WLA transferee **Jorge Cruz**, a fine addition to the desk, I might add. Everybody alwaays comes back to West L.A.—recently said by an anonymous officer. Take for example **Chris Waters**, who has returned to WLA after being promoted to Sgt. II in Vice. Guess what? She's in Vice and we think that is very nice. We welcome all to West L.A., both returnees and newcomers alike. That reminds me of an old song that goes like this: Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone. Several officers told me that they think we have it "really good here." Speaking of returning to WLA, I'd like to tell you about someone else: **Carmine Sasso** was recently promoted to Sgt. I and has joined the troops on morning watch. We're glad he's back. Carmine had this to say: "I'm really excited to be back."

Having worked Detectives in both Rampart and Organized Crime as a D-I, he wants to relay that knowledge to officers and help with career counseling, along with everyday supervision responsibilities. His goal is to broaden horizons for the officers and to avail



Officers Peter Pak and Rich Alcala finishing up an AM watch caper at 1300 hrs.

them of their opportunities in traffic, detectives, and Organized Crime. Carmine has given me "literary license" (also known as carte blanche) to write whatever I want! That includes mentioning his "long, arduous journey" back to West L.A.!

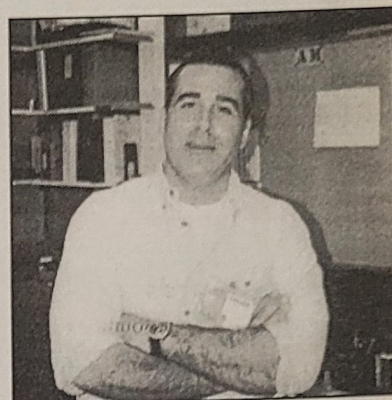
Our own Sgt. **Mike Carodine** is a proud new father. Details and a photo forthcoming in the next edition of *The Thin Blue Line*. In other news, Capt. **Michael Hillmann** recently celebrated

his "39<sup>th</sup>" birthday here at West L.A. I must say that he has been an inspiration to us all through his dedication and willingness to help. We hope he stays around for a lonnnng time. (Did you hear that, Captain?)

At approximately 0400 hours on 10/23/00, Officers **Alcala** and **Park** responded to a code 30 at 1789 La Cienega, bordering Wilshire Division. They expected their response to be the usual one, leaving a 290 card and "we're outta there," said Alcala, who also said, "West L.A., the 390 Division." About to fill out the 290, they heard a noise. Pack went around to the west side of the location by the alley where he observed that a portion of the garage door had

been cut open. He broadcast on simplex that it was a 459 in progress; Alcala requested a back-up and an air unit. They had two suspects running; one was apprehended and being held at gunpoint while the other fled back into the building. The suspect was taken into custody by the arriving units, and a perimeter was set up with a K-9 unit to look for his accomplice. The dog's expert training enabled him to quickly pick up the scent from inside and lead

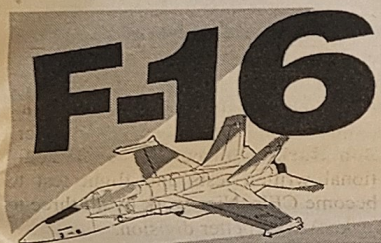
the officers to a spot where there was a hole in the attic. When there was no response, the officers prepared to fire the beanbag. Suddenly, a suspect crawled out of the hole, followed by yet a third person. Their subsequent investigation revealed that the suspects had a police scanner which was set to the Wilshire frequency. All three suspects were taken into custody without incident, with thanks from Alcala and Park going out to the responding units, air unit and the K-9. From Alcala, "It was good." Not only that, but the suspects



Sgt. I Carmine Sasso, back at West LA.

had additional felony burglary hits and were wanted.

As the year winds down to an end, and as we prepare to celebrate the holidays with friends and loved ones, let us take a moment to remember those who have passed on and say a prayer of thanks for the memories.



by Officer Almaraz  
Foothill Division

## Foothill Patrol

I would like to say good luck and see you soon to Lt. **Allen**, who was promoted to a well-deserved upgrade to Lt. II in DARE Division. Lt. Allen has been on the job for over 25 years with the majority of time being in patrol. Lt.

Allen is an outstanding leader. He is fair, honest and has a lot of understanding with the officers he works with. Lt. Allen led by example, staying over EOW to make sure everyone on his watch was okay and completed their day. He would also encourage officers to promote and help everyone with preparing for their oral exams. Lt. Allen will be surely missed at this division. He believed in helping the community and all officers in their various needs. One thing that stuck in my head was the last roll call at day watch he stated: "Patrol officers are the backbone of any police department, but the patrol officers are the heart. If the heart stops beating, the Department will die. The officers at Foothill beat strong and proud."

*We will miss you, Lieutenant. God bless you!*

## Foothill Events

We had our Halloween open house. We had over 4,000 children and parents attend this event. We would like to thank Metro SWAT Unit, K-9, Mounted, Recruitment, Communications, Dope Dog, Explorers, CPAB, FABA and the Reserves for a successful event.

We also had a civilian appreciation day for all the employees at Foothill

Records, Jail, all the Captain's personnel, CAD Unit, CLEAR and the garage personnel.

All these events were outstanding, due to the coordination of the CRO, Sgt. **Flores**, **Don Blanken**, **Jackie Landtiser**, **Lori Foremen**, **Angela Steward**, and **Don Henson** in doing a great job. We would also like to thank both our captains for the morale booster.

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Floyd Toledo  
Hollywood Division

### In-Outs-N-Ups

With the changing of the daylight savings time come the changing of the guards here. Time to stop and look

newly promoted Sgt. P. Elkin, in from the Harbor. Working our streets.

Coming in as a Patrol Centurion is Sgt. E. Russell from DNCPG. Following him are P-3s C. Hale (Dev), P. Davidson (Foothill), R. Zavala (finally assigned here after being here for three months), and P-2s B. Millan (Foothill), A. Hanna (HOLBK), E. Stepanian (HAOBK), and E. Haro coming in from West Valley.

Arriving from the academy include P-1s E. Bennett, J. Case, R. Harris, and J. Smolko. They stop and see the veterans here and emulate them.

As time passes, so do officers like recently promoted and just left is Det. A. Vargas to Southeast, and P-3 R.



From left to right: Recruit P-1, Detective Ed Parry, Detective Harry Stirwalt, MA II Sharyn Gunther, Detectives Jeanne Camarillo, Michael Lesperman, Randy Elzinga, and Art Placencia.

around for new faces. In Detectives we see a newly arrived department sports legend, Lt. Ray Lombardo. He has returned to the division where he led great teams to championship seasons. Over there working the Burglary Table is newly promoted Det. Rose Angel-Rumme. Changing her badge she has come here from CRS to enjoy the glitter of our town. Walking outside we see

Ramdeholl to Van Nuys, with P-2s G. MacDonald (ASD), P. Anthony (EODD), H. Rappe (EODD), A. Smith (EODD), and C. Torres (Foothill), and R. Serrano to (ND). Congrats, hellos and farewells to all.

### Late Birth Notice

Officer Mark Burdine has been so busy working our SEU Detail that he



Jack William Burdine

didn't find time to notify us of the birth of his son until now. His son, Jack William Burdine, was born on May 5, 2000, weighing in at 7 lbs., 10 oz., and 20-1/2 inches in length. Jack is the first grandchild on both sides of grandparents. Someday they hope to see Jack skating as a hockey champion in the Stanley Cup. Congratulations to Mark and his wife, Heather, on this blessed event.

### Sports

It's time for the Hollywood basketball glory kids to begin their quest for another championship season. This year we have seen our softball champ team go undefeated (19-0) and our flag football team is defending its championship title by being undefeated going into the final tournament. This basketball team looks like another great one. Remember, if you wish to join, there is no height restrictions.

### Carne Asada Day

The division is thanking the team of detectives led by D-III Art Placencia.

Seeing the need for a special event, he directed a delicious fund-raiser. Cooking and serving were Detective personnel of all tenures: Randy Elzinga, Michael Fesperman, Steve Ramirez, David Freidrich, Jeanne Camarillo, Wendi Berndt, Marc Martinez, Sharyn Gunther and Don Riggio. A special thanks must go to Officer Jim Bruno for building the portable barbecue. The fund-raiser was a great success and the money raised will ensure a gala holiday party.

### 10 Annual Russ Kuster Memorial Golf Tournament

On Oct. 20, 2000, the Tenth Annual Russ Kuster Memorial Golf Tournament was held at DeBell golf course in Burbank. Ninety golfers of varying abilities attended the event. This year's tournament was won by the foursome of David Fogerson, Mike Bany, Ron Breuer and Forrest



Detectives Daniel Armand, Michael Binford, Floyd Toledo, and Rescue Officer Barry Jenner.

Tucker. Jr. David is the son of retired Det. Patty Fogerson, and Forrest is the son of actor Forrest Tucker. The tournament is held each year to honor the memory of Det. III Russ Kuster, who was killed on Oct. 9, 1990. At the time of his death, Russ was the Homicide Coordinator in Hollywood. His friends and colleagues gather each year to reminisce about old times. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



by Tom Fox  
Central Traffic Division

On Saturday, Oct. 14, Officers Ray Bergeron, Tom Fox, CTD Reserve Officers, HOBK Reserves and volunteers, and two Reserve officers from Pacific Division conducted another Bandit Taxi Cab Detail in Central Division and in Hollenbeck Division. Ten individuals were arrested for illegal transportation and for operating a taxi without a permit. One suspect was booked for no driver's license or I.D., one was booked for suspended driver's license and \$17,000 in warrants. All other suspects were RFC'd and cited back. Ten vehicles were also impounded and held for further investigation by DOT.

OIC, Sgt. Hurtado was on vacation during this DP. So Sgt. Windsor from Central Division volunteered to supervise for the day. Sgt. Windsor did an outstanding job and it was a pleasure to work under his supervision for the day.

### Congratulations

Officers Erin Larsen, and Hector Madrigal passed the pink test and are

now full-fledged CI officers. Good job, guys.

### Shooting Team

On Oct. 15, 2000, the Central Traffic Division Pistol Team participated in the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Charity Shoot-out at Wayside Correctional Facility. This event raised over \$4,000 for the LASD Officer Relief Fund, which benefits peace officers throughout Los Angeles County. Team members were



Central Traffic Combat Pistol Team (R to L): Thai Ngo, Ed Asawesna, Henry Servin, Rich Rinker, Scott Blackman, Steve Hwang and Jim Jones.



Henry Servin firing at the 7-yard line.

Rich Rinker, who placed second in the competition class, Scott Blackman and Steve Hwang, who placed 8th in the two-man team, Thai Ngo, Henry Servin, Ed Asawesna and Jimmy Jones, who placed 10th in the four-man team.

### Ins & Outs of CTD

CTD welcomes Officer F. Alvarez and

Officer K. Cotter. Alvarez is returning after short stay back in patrol. Welcome back, Fernando. Officer Cotter comes to CTD from the DNC.



Thai Ngo, Ed Asawesna, Steve Hwang being coached by Scott Blackman at the 7-yard line.

### Leaving CTD

Officer Carbajal is leaving CTD, going to Rampart Division. Officer Vargas is leaving for a job at Personnel Division. Good luck to both of the officers.



# ACADEMY NEWS

by Tai Kingi  
Training Division

## Welcome Aboards

The new cadence callers for PT/SD are Officers **Timothy Colomey** from Southeast Division, **Anita Moreno** from LAX, **Julie Nony** from Central, **Carlton Zellars** from STD and Officer **Greg Davis** is trading his uniform dress shoes for running shoes. Human Relations Unit welcomes aboard Officers **Roger** (Run Forrest, Run) **Forest** from 77<sup>th</sup> Division, **Kenneth Amerson** from Southeast Division and **Sherrielyn Andersen** from West L.A. Academics Unit welcomes Officer **Ralph Alvarez** from the Administrative Section. New top guns transferring into Firearms Unit are Officers **Alison Tibbett** from Van Nuys Division, **Robert Becerra** from Newton and **Benjamin Jones** from West Traffic Division. Administrative Section lends a helping hand to PII Officers **Adolfo Batres** from 77<sup>th</sup> and **Gillian Jensen** from Pacific Division.

## 2000 National Police Shooting Championships

Congratulations to Firearms Unit for their victory at the national shooting

event Sept. 20-29 in Jackson, Mississippi. The team consisted of two elite teams with Team #1 taking home the Revolver and Auto Pistol championship. Team #2 took overall in the Expert Auto Pistol Class during the Pistol event. The top guns in this event were awarded to LAPD's top female shooter, Officer **Stefanie Diaz** who won the very prestigious High Woman Revolver Shooter national title. The distinguished Revolver match was taken by Officer **Bob Barnes**. The infamous Officer **Rick Bennett** was victorious in the Revolver Match 4 champion, and **Neil Goldberg** won the Master Class

**Don Tsunawaki** of Southeast, and Officer **Rick Bennett**. Whoa! These two events are incredible victories and although our shooting team continues to be the finest shooters in the world, over and over again, the victory is always a proud moment!

## Kentwood Elementary Toy Drive

The holidays are here again and Training Division is once again participating in the annual toy drive for Kentwood Elementary School. At Kentwood Elementary, like many of the schools in the city of Los Angeles, there



4 - 2000 Class with Mayor Richard Riordan and class coordinator Tai Kingi.

Overall champion. In due respect to all the top gunners, this article would be incomplete without mentioning the 2000 World Police Championship victory. The team was led by Sgt. **Lou Salseda**, Officer **Robert Barnes**, Det.

are a large group of students bussed in from the surrounding areas. The staff and recruits graciously donate toys and refreshments to make this annual event and holiday season extra special for a child. The event will be held on Dec. 14, 2000, with many training staff

dress up as elves and our number one famous Santa Claus, **Ken Olivier**, handing out gifts to all the students. All donated toys may be dropped off at recruit coordination unit. Any questions, feel free to contact Officer **Jim Buck** at (310) 342-3110, Recruit Coordination Unit.

## Officer Shiela Daniel Retires

Officer **Shiela Daniel** decided to retire in July of this year after over 20 years of service. Training Division held a lavish retirement farewell to say happy retirement to one of Training Division's best. Shiela had worked every unit in Training Division from Recruit Coordination Unit, Human Relations, Physical Training and Self Defense, Crime Prevention Assistant (CPA) Program, and Human Relations Unit. Shiela said that she had plans of helping her husband with the family business and just relaxing. All of the staff at Training want to wish Shiela a happy retirement. Her contributions to Baker-to-Vegas and Police Olympics will be missed. Currently Baker-to-Vegas coordinators are devising a plan to pull her out of retirement for 2001 Baker-to-Vegas team. Thanks for all your dedicated years of service. Good luck!

## Thirty Years of Service

Congratulations to Sgt. **Padilla**, OIC of Spanish Unit for 30 years of impeccable service. Sgt. Padilla was honored with a certificate by Command Staff. Wow! What an accomplishment and honor to have served the Department for 30 years.

# Southern Lip

by Alley Cat  
Harbor Division

Yes folks, it's time for Christmas shopping and all the good holidays. I can't believe the end of the year is so close. I would hope everyone has their lives in order for the upcoming new year. We have to take care of ourselves and our families, so the future is bright for all.

My question to the upper echelon is why is the department calling retirees and asking them if they want to come back part time to work for a department that doesn't give a damn about its employees? Maybe the news media hit it on the head when it addressed the morale problem within the ranks of LAPD. If you haven't learned by now, then you better wake up and get your head out of the sand. There are more complaints today from within the department than outside. We have cops beefing each other, "why," faster than the suspects in the streets. One better learn to keep his thoughts and comments to themselves or you will be guaranteed a personnel complaint. I think we work in one of the most hostile work environments in the United States. This brings me to my last complaint with cops. I went to **Eddie Camarillo's** retirement on Nov. 3, 2000, at the Harbor Range. Eddie finished 27 years with LAPD and 40 peo-

ple showed up to send him off. To those of you that Eddie rep'd, I was shocked that more of you weren't there. Eddie attempted to ruin his health by working so many hours to assist officers in need. To those of you who want to be good defense reps, I only hope that you don't destroy your health. To his co-workers and bosses that didn't show up, shame on you. Eddie, I wish you great success and the best of everything for your dedicated hard work to the cops (who obviously don't care about each other) you represented above and beyond the call of duty.

The transfer list I have to catch up on for the last two months. I was a bit delayed with all the bad things happening at Harbor Division. The young but old, Canadian Mounty, **Dave Demarco** promoted to Sergeant and exited stage north to Central Division. Dave was responsible for working the Career Criminal Unit and assisting Harbor training staff with numerous training days. He really knew how to work a dogsled team, being a former Canadian Mounty. **Kelly Clark** decided to come back to work from her injuries to pick up a Det.-I spot at Southwest Division. **Pete** (Computer Wizard) **Elkin** decided to make sergeant and go to the glitter division, Hollywood. **Dietmar Schiffer** exited Harbor Division as a new boot sergeant to Wilshire Division. **R. Moreno** came from Newton but got an extra diamond at the bottom of his two stripes. P-2 dog **Anna Pinell** was upgraded to P-3 for her hard work in Gangs. **Rosemary Piazza** took on a star to advance her career. **J. Lortz** went ahead by gaining two stripes. I have to mention that an old time record clerk at Harbor Division, **Gina Guardado**, was upgraded to the AM Watch boss of records. She is one of the friendliest and hard-working ladies

in Records and does a great service to this division.

The outs at Harbor Division: **Alex Villapando** and **L. Vargas** to Central, **V. Mares** and **R. Rodriguez** to Pacific, **S. Anderson** to TBD, **C. Brown** to WLA, and **Stacy Simmons** (aka Coffee Cup) to Personnel, **S. Laule** to Communications, **J. Gregozek** to Newton, **F. Cazares** to Pacific, **H. Sincok** to Rampart, **J. Milan** to STD, and **J. Lawrence** to WTD.

The new people to Harbor Division: **R. Lott** to Detectives, **J. Mastick**, **J. Wilkins**, **K. Gruner**, **V. Acevedo**, **J. Soriano**, **R. Arguelles**, **A. Delatorre**,

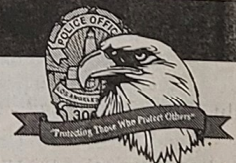
**L. Trosclair**, **A. Alexander**, **J. Kirchoff**, **J. Moulton**, and **S. Paulsen**. I wish all of you good luck and a happy career. If I missed anyone, so be it. Even cub reporters can miss a good story once in a while.

Remember to keep your mouths shut and eyes open. It could help you advance your career. Most times we are our own worst enemies. If this job is going to continue to be a family, then the cops have to take the bull by the horns and make it as such. The vast majority of LAPD is lieutenants and below, not captains and above.

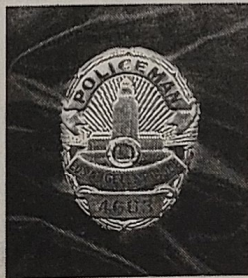
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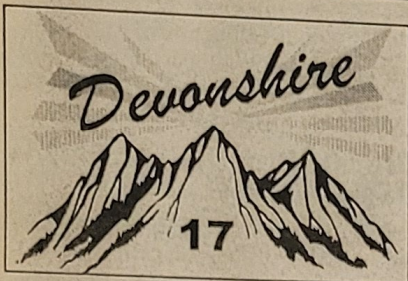
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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Officer Amanda Chapin and  
Officer Fred Cueto  
Devonshire Division

## Good Morning Devonshire Division

This is the city, Los Angeles, the home to almost four million people who live and work in close proximity. Sometimes the closeness becomes too much for some to bear causing conflict and violence. People who can't solve their own conflicts turn to us, because we carry the badge and they need us to solve their problems.

In September, on a crisp morning, it had been a relatively quiet morning for morning watch. During the early morning hours the field personnel had responded to their normal share of radio calls. As the shift wound down towards end of watch, morning watchers were beginning think about Code 7.

At 0545 hours, the early morning stillness was shattered by the harsh sound of an alarm clock. In an apartment next door the occupant (suspect) unfortunately heard the alarm clock of his neighbor (PR). The two neighbors have had an ongoing dispute with each other for over a year. The neighbor, who heard the alarm clock, thought it was intentional. Suddenly the stillness of an address on Lassen was shattered by the sound of gunfire.

As morning watchers were getting ready to request 7, the sudden stillness of the radio became a loud noise of incoming emergency radio calls of shots fired on Lassen Street. Officer **Byron Barnes**, #24965, and Officer **Charles Chacon**, #35441, assigned 17A83, were assigned to the call. They responded along with 17L30, Sgt. **Jace Kessler**, #22541.

When the above unit and supervisor arrived at the location, the PR advised them that when his alarm clock went off

he was awakened to additional sounds of gunfire and realized that someone was firing shots into his apartment through a common wall. The PR fearing for his safety began to crawl on his hands and knees through his apartment attempting to exit without being shot from the stray bullets. The PR finally exited his apartment and ran to a safe location and began watching his neighbor's apartment from which the gunfire was coming.

Sgt. Kessler took charge of the scene and secured the location by establishing the inner perimeter. Officer **Eric Johnson**, #33647, and Officer **Marco Sorbrino**, #35139, Officer **Ryan White**, #34506, and Officer **Miguel Reynso**, #34358, and Officer **Roger Johnson**, #31905, and Officer **Joe Gonzales**, #32455, arrived to assist. Sgt. Kessler quickly assigned the additional officers to the inner perimeter securing positions to contain the suspect in the apartment. An evacuation of the apartment building was initiated and carried out. Sgt. Kessler made contact with the manager to obtain the telephone number of the suspect. Numerous attempts were made to contact the suspect with negative results. The SWAT Team call-out was initiated to take the suspect into custody.

Officer **Ken Cioffi**, #26289, and Officer **Pedro Cabunoc**, #35421 (day watch), responded to the scene to provide a slug shotgun resource to help secure and contain the scene. Officer Cioffi took up a position of advantage covering the officers conducting the evacuation. His partner, Officer Cabunoc, assisted with the evacuation and the inner perimeter duties.

The suspect was taken into custody without incident by SWAT. The suspect had managed to rig up several batteries and boxes inside his apartment to simulate explosives. He had left notes on the devices that read, "Bang" and "Do not move me." Although the witnesses and relatives indicated the suspect did not have any experience or background with explosives the safe approach was taken, the Bomb Squad was called to the scene.

The suspect was booked for 246.3 PC, Negligent discharge of a firearm into an inhabited dwelling.

Good job to all that were involved!

## Commendation

On Oct. 13, 2000, 32 current and former Devonshire Police Officers were honored by the City Council. The presentation was originated at the request of the City Attorney's office for the officers and city employees' efforts in the Panorama City area. These individuals were commended for all their hard work and effort in gathering information and helping the city attorney. Everybody's efforts and hard work paid off. An injunction was set against Langdon Street. Listed below are the officers and the city employees involved: Det. **J.C. Acosta**, #24505, Det. **Greg Beckley**, #22210, Det. **P. J. Morris**, #23374, Det. **Yehuda Packer**, #25244, Det. **Belinda Robinson**, #24143, Sgt. **Joseph Losorelli**, #24205, Officer **Laura Carbajal**, #31794, Officer **Victor Castro**, #30933, Officer **Darren Costi**, #31970, Officer **Vance Deruise**, #31413, Officer **Ralph Ferrer**, #30994, Officer **Ellen Gable**, #31110, Officer **Mariano Garde**, #32171, Officer **Randall Garrett**, #31111, Officer **Donald Graham**, #32365, Officer **Karolin Knop**, #32094, Officer **Richard Lozano**, #31433, Officer **Adrian Moody**, #32295, Officer **Helbert Moreno**, #30843, Officer **David Neville**, #26324, Officer **Michael Rex**, #33766, Officer **Randal Ryals**, #33101, Officer **Elizabeth Sandoval**, #31604, Officer **Thomas Townsend**, #32137, Officer **Michael Duarte**, #33016, Officer **Juan Emerick**, #31560, Officer **Don Magers**, #33162, Senior Lead Officer **Ernie Jimenez**, #24921, Senior Lead Officer **Adrian Torres**, #31467, LAUSD Police Officer **Yvonne Miranda**, #823, and LAPD Management Analyst **Uta Hughey**, V9571.

## Perfect Driving

Congratulations to Det. **Bruce Heschong**, #15347, he received an award from Triple A and the Department for a flawless driving record for 30 years! WOW!

## Holiday Party

Hurry! The Devonshire Community Police Station Holiday Party is coming

up really fast! Do you have your tickets yet? This year's party will be at the Van Nuys Airtel Plaza Hotel at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are limited so see your Watch Commander for details.

## Babies

Congratulations to Officer **Tim Wallia** and his wife, **Katina**. They are



Officer Tim Wallia, his wife Katina, and Makaya Michele Wallia.

proud parents of **Makaya Michele Wallia**, born September 18, 2000, at 1044 a.m. Makaya weighed in at 6 lbs., 13 oz.

## Hello and Goodbyes

Warm welcomes to Sgt. **I Arlene Hennessey**, #24731, Det. **I Trevion Stokes**, #30340, Det. **I David Smith**, Sgt. **I Adolfo Godinez**, #27207, Sgt. **I Billy Grimes**, #25135, P-2 **Nicholas Abbinanti**, #33767, P-1 **Jorge Diaz**, #35637, and P-1 **Mathew McNulty**, #35649.

Good luck to Sgt. **I Christopher Kunz**, #26315, his new home is at West Traffic Division. Good luck to P-3 **Suzy Hale**, #30826, off and running to Hollywood Division. Good luck to P-3 **Byron Barnes**, #24965, getting started in at Southwest Division. Good luck to the P-2 crew, **Samer Issa**, #34405, and **Billy Joe**, #25098, taking on North Hollywood Division. Good luck to P-2 **Michael Mazzacano**, #34348, he is heading to Northeast Division. Good luck to P-2 **Steve Olson**, #34148, feeling at home at Narcotics Division. Last, but not least, P-2 **Olivia Escamilla**, #31834, moving to Wilshire Division. Remember, to all that have left, Devonshire will always be home! ♦



by Officer John Collyer  
EODD Retirement Section

Now that summer is over and schools are back in session, we have resumed our recruitment efforts at the college and university level. We have already attended numerous scholastic events in Southern California which have included classroom presentations and career fairs. Additionally, we have attended a lot of community events and presentations to promote our hiring campaign. Despite the hard work and long hours that we have invested locally, our turnout in Los Angeles where we test five days a week is still averaging between 350 and 400 candidates a month. Due in part to the low unem-

ployment rate in Southern California and negative publicity from the local media, we are having a difficult time in attracting qualified candidates. Locally our pool of candidates has become very small in relation to the number of officers that we need, despite our efforts.

To increase the field of qualified candidates, we have resumed our out-of-state recruitment campaign. Our past recruitment trips have been very successful in generating interest out of state and have more than doubled our amount of candidates.

Last month, separate teams of officers canvassed and recruited in targeted locations out of state with great success. From late September to the first week of October, Officer **Phil Stine** planned and organized a team of recruiters consisting of Sgt. **Silverstein**, Officers **Kip Jackson**, **Jessamyn Morales**, **Amy Schnieder** and Media Director-Officer **Danny Chao** to canvass and recruit in Ohio. The major cities that they concentrated on were Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Columbus. The response was overwhelming and the local media generated a lot of television and newspaper coverage. Their

hard work and long hours resulted in the testing of 441 candidates.

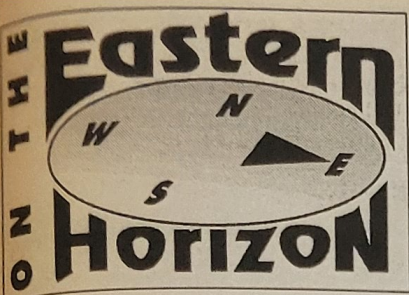
During the first week of October, Officers **Joe Torres** and **Keith Aulick** recruited in eastern Washington while Officers **Joe Ferreira**, **Alicia James**, **Allynn Simmons**, Sgt. **William Frio** and myself recruited in western Washington. This was our unit's third recruitment trip to Washington in only ten months. Our efforts have continued to generate a lot of interest in Washington. The need for qualified candidates is becoming very competitive in law enforcement. In Washington we met recruiters from the California Highway Patrol; Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; San Jose Police Department; Mesa, Arizona Police Department; Oregon State Police; as well as agencies from New Mexico and Idaho. The need for qualified candidates has become so fierce that the Washington State Police have not only recruited out of state, they have recruited at military installations in Germany and Japan. Despite the stiff competition, we tested 211 candidates in Washington, which were in line with our previous recruitment trips to that region.

In mid-October, Officer **Rosa Torres** led a team of officers including Sgt. **Silverstein**, Officers **Jessamyn Morales**, **Keith Aulick**, **Phil Stine**, and **Danny Chao** to recruit and canvass in Chicago, Illinois. The response was great and they tested 440 candidates.

Toward the end of October, Officer **Joe Ferreira**, along with Officers **Joe Torres**, **Amy Schnieder** and **Alicia James** recruited and tested in the state of Texas. Some of the major cities included Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Corpus Christi. The officers worked long hours and covered a lot of ground. Their efforts resulted in the testing of 314 candidates.

Any officer or city employee who knows of someone interested in testing for the Los Angeles Police Department should give a completed Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program Card to the candidate. If the candidate is appointed to the Los Angeles Police Academy, the finder will be given a \$200 bonus payment issued directly to the employee as taxable income. Please call Recruitment Section at (800) 954-0321 for further information. ♦



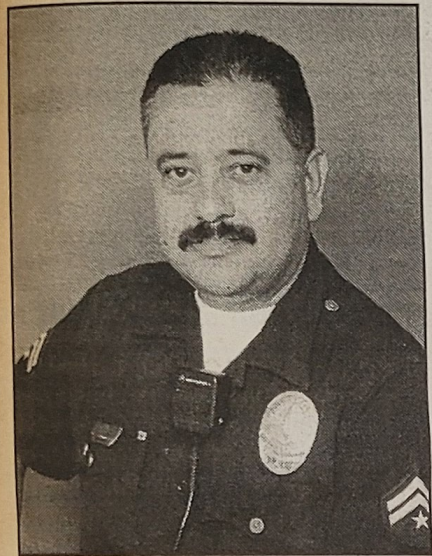


by Ruben Rodriguez  
Hollenbeck Division

Merry Christmas, everyone. May your holidays be full of cheer and all your wishes come true this happy season.

**Belated Retirement Announcement**

Hollenbeck's Area Adjutant, Cheri Ballesteros, decided that 32 years of



The handsome author of Hollenbeck's monthly article.

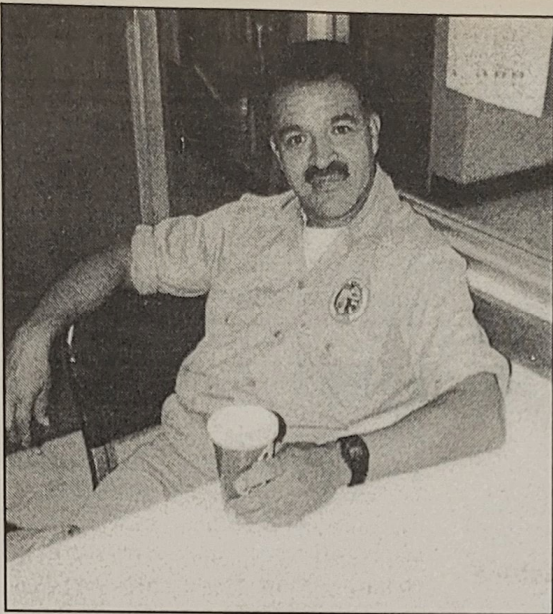
service to the city of Los Angeles was more than enough. On June 26, 2000, Cheri officially retired after unselfishly giving her best to the city for most of her life. She started her career with the Los Angeles Police Department as a Radio Telephone Operator (RTO) at Communications Division. Cheri eventually became a Police Service Representative, promoting to Senior PSR in the process. After 20 years at Communications Division, Cheri opted for a change by seeking an administrative job and ultimately becoming Area Adjutant at Hollenbeck Division. Cheri was always cheerful and willing to assist anyone who asked and she will be greatly missed. Cheri, congratulations on your retirement. Your family here at Hollenbeck wishes you the best.

**...and Speaking of Retirements**

A great time was had by all (except by those who left early, like Sgt. **Kathy Marx**) at the retirement bash given in honor of **Richard "Teddy Bear" Jimenez**. The party at Steven's Steak House restaurant was a great success and everyone enjoyed the festivities. We were treated to some of **George "Pelon" Spitzer's** humor, which brought back memories of years past.

**And, Oh Yes, Another Retirement**

Is anyone going to be left on this Department? It seems like everyone is pulling the plug. The latest person to make the big move is Sgt. **Rich Guerrero**. Sgt. Guerrero announced his retirement in an impromptu manner at



Carlos Amaral in his favorite place, the lunch room.

Hollenbeck Station during PM Watch Roll Call. We hate to see him go. Seems like all the good ones are leaving us, but we know he is moving on to bigger and better things. Sgt. Guerrero, thanks for all your hard work and best of luck in your new endeavors.

**Christmas Party**

Just a reminder that our annual Christmas party is scheduled for this month (after all, it is December). This year's gala event is being held at the Westin Bonaventure hotel on Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Social hour is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. Then, to work off your dinner, there will be dancing until 12:00 a.m. Price for the event is \$60 per couple and \$35 for those of you that like to fly solo. Hope to see you all there in your Sunday best.

**Welcome**

The following individuals are the latest lucky folks to be assigned to Hollenbeck Division: Please welcome Sgt. **Arthur Stone**, joining us from Southeast. We also welcome back Sgt. **Rudy Alaniz**, who returns to us from 77<sup>th</sup> Division. Sgt. **Jorge Pardo** moves east over the L.A. River from Rampart, while Sgt. **Richard Levy** joins us from Southwest. A big welcome goes out to a former traffic partner of mine, P-3 **Mark Dimmit**, who comes to us via Hollywood Division. P-2 **Divyesh** (common spelling) **Shah** is here from DNCPG and **Annisia Harsma** is in from Southeast. Finally, we welcome P-2s **Michael Yoro** and **Juan Zarate**, both in from Wilshire Division.

**So Long**

We say hasta la vista to Sgt. **Al Cota**, who hung up his uniform and is now a Detective at Northeast. P-3 **Rene Zavala** is now patrolling the glitzy streets of Hollywood Division. **R. Cervantes** is now in the building at Juvenile Division. Newly crowned P-2s **A. Hanna** and **E. Stepanian** are now also assigned to Hollywood Division, while **M. Maffei** is enjoying the sun at Pacific Division.

**Que Paso?**

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Carlos "Saddam Hussein" Amaral**.

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# SPORTS BEAT

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## LAPD Motors Take Gold!!!

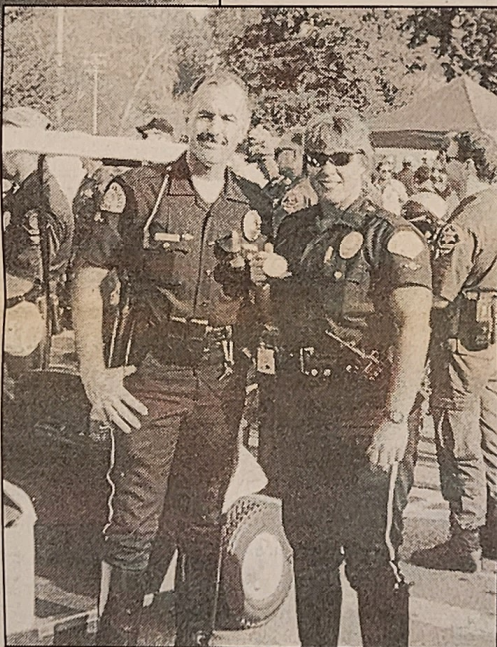
by Joanna Needham

On October 19, 2000, the Pasadena Police Department sponsored the annual statewide Police Motorcycle Rodeo which was held at the Rose Bowl. One hundred seven motorcycle officers from California participated in this event. LAPD Motor Officers Joanna



Needham from TCS and Officer John Morena from CTD competed in the event. This was the first time LAPD has participated in the Police Rodeo. The events consisted of six very tight maze patterns on the full dress Kawasaki motorcycles. The scoring was so critical that if a participant even touched a cone a point was deducted from their score. Out of the 107 competitors, only 3 riders got a perfect score on the mazes and progressed to a timed obstacle course where the lowest elapsed time would win the event and break the tie. Officer Needham was one of the 3 riders to advance and she scored the lowest or fastest time on the obstacle course winning the gold medal, taking the overall

skills competition. Officer Morena placed fourth in the overall standings. There was on team event called Fooze-ball whereby riders had to advance a tennis ball while riding and balance it on top of a cone. No easy task. Another event called Top-gun had 2 riders placed into a 4-way intersection with obstacles and they had two minutes to try to make the other rider knock down a cone, fall down, touch their bike against the other, or ride out of the intersection. It was definitely entertaining for the crowd as the shouted and hooted and hollered for their favorite riders. There was a lot of strategy involved in that event. Next year the host department is Costa Mesa and hopefully more LAPD riders will attend



and participate. A great time was had by all who attended and Pasadena received high praise by all.

## LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow, LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

We open this month's column with sad news. The holidays this year just won't be the same following the very sudden passing of one of the nicest people I've ever met. Mike Childs, a city employee assigned to the Academy who at one time or another has had a hand in just about everything going on in LAPD athletics, died very unexpectedly on Monday, Oct. 30.

Mike was a huge teddy-bear of a man with a never-ending smile and vibrant personality. In over 20 years at the Academy he was always available to lend a hand at every LAPD and LAPRAAC sponsored activity—Tug-of-War, Baker to Vegas, Memorial Relay, slo-pitch, the swimming pool, Sports Awards Dinner, scorekeeper for intradepartmental basketball—you name it, Mike was there to help.

He was one of the first people I encountered when entering the LAPRAAC family nearly two decades ago. Over the years running into Mike would become a high point of every visit to the Academy and a great source of information who knew what was really going on within its bowels.

"Big Mike" had just celebrated his 43rd birthday the Friday before his death, surrounded by all his friends at the Academy. His warmth and enthusiasm will be deeply missed by all of us whose lives he touched.

### Basketball Season Now Underway

The Intradepartmental Basketball Season got underway in mid-November following a two-day evaluation tournament to determine league placement. As of our press deadline, leaguings had not been determined. Participating in the tourney were 31 teams representing Central (2 teams), Central Traffic, DARE (2), Devonshire, Foothill, Harbor, Hollenbeck, Hollywood (2), Metro (2), Narcotics, Newton, No. Hollywood, Parker Center, Rampart (3), Southwest, Training, Transit Services, West L.A. (2), West Traffic, Wilshire.

League play will extend through late January or early February with DARE #1 looking for its third straight Captain Al Nelson Trophy as department champion.

For up-to-date information on game schedules, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

### Still Looking for Some "Hardies" and "Softies"

An LAPD hardball baseball team is being organized to compete in the 2001 California Police and Fire Games in San Jose and the LAPD Women's Softball Team is also actively recruiting. The Blue Team plays in local tournaments and other organized events during the year. For information on the hardball team, contact Athletic Director

Tony Adler at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218. For information on women's softball, contact Lori Miller at (310) 575-8910 or Sherry Le at (213) 847-8139.

### Stuck With the Kids Over Winter Break?

Since the D.A. won't let us lock them in the closet over the two-week winter break, what better way to "lose" the kids than a visit to a local amusement park. The Elysian Park and RTC LAPRAAC Stores have discount tickets for many Southland attractions. Why give those extra bucks to Michael Eisner? He doesn't need 'em! Call (323) 221-5222 and choose the "tickets" option for specifics on what's available and special discount prices.

### New Location for LAPRAAC Office

The LAPRAAC Administrative Office recently moved from the basement (next to the Credit Union) into new digs at the Elysian Park Academy. The office (Bud, Barbara, Jose, et al.) is now located on the first floor between the Uniform Shop and Men's Locker Room, across from the Training Division Captain's office. By the end of the year the Athletic Director's Office will relocate from the third floor crow's nest into the newly-vacated basement office.

### Eat at the Academy Café

When will we stop plugging the Elysian Park Academy Café? When, once again, it becomes impossible to find a seat at lunch hour! Open weekdays from 0700-1400, the Café features hearty fare and prices within anyone's budget. For larger groups and special events, there's meeting rooms, the Academy Lounge, and the Rock Garden. Support those who support you by patronizing the Café and banquet facilities at the Academy. For more details, contact Debbie Chamberlain at (323) 221-5222, ext. 215.

### Closing Note ...

Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice, or some other special day, LAPD Athletic Director Tony Adler, Athletic Secretaries Jeannie Schwab and Agnes Miranda, and yours truly send our best for the upcoming holiday season. May the new year bring you and yours peace, happiness, good times and good health.

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# LAPD Centurion Football

The Los Angeles Police Centurion Football team is looking for volunteers for the 2001 season. The Centurions are coming off of a 6-1 season, in which their only loss was to the NYPD Finest, 14-10, in the National Championship game held in Palm Beach, Florida in June.

The LAPD football team wants to continue its long tradition of excellence, and superiority in public safety football in the United States. However, due to changing times and personnel, many of the jobs once done by our public affairs, and public relations departments are now handled by divisional officers in their off-duty time. In addition to the lack of time that is allowed to carry out many of the day-to-day functions of the team, we also lack the expertise of specific job assignments.

If you are a self-motivated individual, who likes giving back to the community in which you live and work, and have some expertise in the following areas, this may be the job for you.

The Centurions are currently looking for people with expertise in creating and updating Web sites, writers for

future Blue Line articles, as well as writers for a monthly newsletter. We are also looking for photographers, statisticians, and officers or civilians with experience in marketing and advertising, as well as gathering sponsorship for the team. In addition, the team needs volunteers to assist with our charity events, which include our football games.

The last five years of Centurion football have been extremely successful, but only because of our devoted and experienced volunteers. These people have gotten many promotions and coveted job assignments in their respective fields because of the experience they gained with the Centurion organization in supervision, management and organizational skills, as well as the ability to meet and work with many different people within the department.

If you are interested in, or have experience in, any of the above positions, and would like to inquire more about the job assignments, please call Officer Ray Puettmann, Van Nuys area, at 818-231-9218.

# LAPD Mudslingers vs. The World!

by Rich Swisher

Four of our motocrossin' boys in blue took on the world at Glen Helen raceway November 4th and 5th in the "White Brother's Vet World Championships." Teams from all over the USA as well as Europe and Asia came to do battle in San Bernardino, and our department was represented well by our FME, Troy Lee Designs, Acerbis, SPY, Maxima,



Vic Curti comes in for a landing in The Over 50 Expert Class.

Bell Helmets, Pro-Action backed team Motocross team. Bruce Hoover raced the over-50 novice class on both days and took home third place honors on each day. Vic Curti raced the overwhelmingly tough over-50 expert class on both days finishing a respectable 10th place on Saturday and 11th place on Sunday. Doug Wilson raced the 35-40 Novice class taking 14th overall on Sunday despite mechanical trouble. Rob Cosner raced the 30-35 novice class in the first moto, but when he smoked everyone from the drop of the gate to the swing of the checkers, the race promoters bumped him to the intermediate class. The problem with this promotion was not that Rob was too slow, it was that his new class took off right after his previous race. Rob sprinted across the entire property and made it to his gate five seconds before his class launched and was only able to fight his way to 14th. Rob ended up an impressive 8th on the day.

Congratulations are in order for each of these four warriors, so if you see them around the city, give them their due. Congratulations are also in order for the following racers for earning a National number in the top 100 police and fire motocross racers in the nation for 2000. #22 Charlie Beck, #33 Rob Cosner, #36 James Linder, #67 Rich Swisher, #68 Doug Wilson, #70 Dan Hadfield, and #91 Donovan Nickerson. The team is planning on renting out a track for a day, so if any of you are interested in a private day at a track with the Mudslingers, get a hold of newly promoted Senior Lead Officer Bob Bishop. Several members of the department have come to me recently and have asked advice on how to get involved in off-road motorcycling as a pastime. I have been able to help these guys out with information and a lot of connections for where to get the right stuff for what they plan on doing. I'd like to repeat our team's offer to lend a hand in any way we can to anyone who is interested in getting into motorcycling. Here are the team members for 2001:

Charlie Beck, Rich Swisher, Rob Cosner, Mike Kilpatrick, Victor Curtie, Bruce Hoover, Angel Gomez, Paul Menchaca, Ryan Basaker, Sean Fiola, Bill Duke, Stuart Lomax, Rob Plourde, Scott Coffey, Jeff Coles, Carlos Sanchez, Erin Larsen, Bob Bishop, Donovan Nickerson, Phil Walters,



Officers Kevin Standage and Dan Hadfield of Air Support Division relax in the pit between motos.

Anthony Perez, Dan Hadfield, Doug Wilson, James Linder, John Izzo, Greg Duran, Andy Vergara, Sean Malachi, Ron Moy, Dick Postma, Dan Boka, Mario Vasquez, Jess Beltran.

# Hollywood Looks to Defend Title at Flag Football Tournament Dec. 9-10

Undefeated Hollywood will put its title on the line at a tournament to determine the LAPD Flag Football title on Dec. 9-10. The round-robin double-elimination tourney at Cathedral High School will pit defending champions (4-0 in league play) against another team undefeated in league play this year—Southwest (5-0).

Five other teams (Devonshire, Foothill, Newton, Rampart, and 77th St.) will join the fray in a knock-down battle to see who will emerge as king of the gridiron. The season started with 11 teams taking the field but squads from Harbor, Southeast and West Valley, plus a second 77th St. team dropped out at various points during league play.

Southwest's five wins came at the expense of Harbor, Rampart, Southeast, Newton and 77th St. #1. Hollywood's

string includes wins over both 77th St. teams, Foothill and Devonshire. For up-to-date tournament game scheduling, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

## Flag Football Final League Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Southwest	5	0	1.000	
Hollywood	4	0	1.000	—
77th St. #2	3	1	.750	1-1/2
77th St. #1	2	2	.500	2-1/2
Newton	2	2	.500	2-1/2
Devonshire	1	2	.333	3
Foothill	1	2	.333	3
Harbor	1	3	.250	3-1/2
Rampart	1	3	.250	3-1/2
West Valley	0	1	.000	3
Southeast	0	4	.000	4-1/2

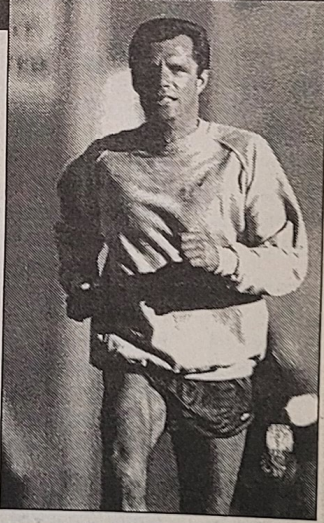
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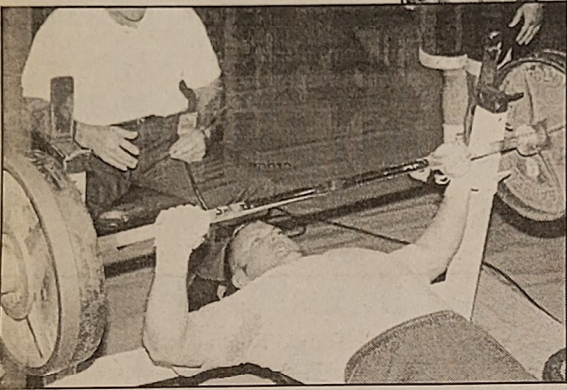


# SPORTS BEAT

## 77th St. Power Pigs Survive Close Shave to Win 10th Straight Bench Press Match

by Lew Snow, LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

In June it was the women who led 77th Street to victory. This time around it was the testosterone-enhanced side that pushed them over the top, giving the Power Pigs their tenth straight bench press win. For Coach Paul von Lutzow the victory was the 15th in his



Photos by Lew Snow

**They Came, They Saw, They Lifted** - The Elysian Park Academy Gym was abuzz with activity November 3 at the Fall Intradepartmental Bench Press Meet. Whether a competitor lifted 50 lbs. or 500 lbs., all that really mattered was the thrill of the battle and the pride in making a good lift.

fulfilling prophecy as a combined Transit Services (TRSG) team gave his boars and sows a run for their money.

While the Power Hogs easily led TRSG 176-127 it was the Transit Gals that made the match close, outscoring the Sows 97-76 to bring it down to the final hour of competition. When the chalk dust finally settled, 77th won by a scant 28 points, its closest shave since it began the winning streak in May, 1996.

This meet marked the first time in LAPD

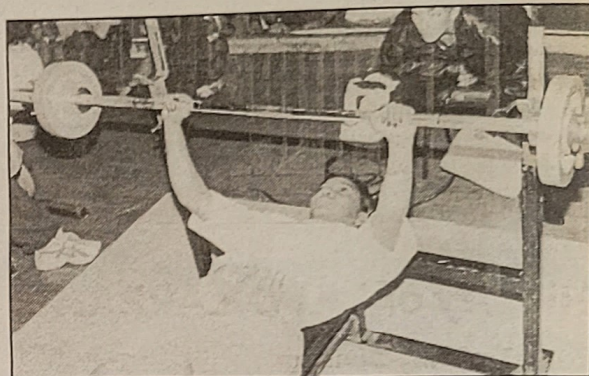


Tying records were Personnel's Sam Colella, who matched his own mark in the age 60 and over 181-3/4 lb. class, and Pacific's Jill Reinhold in the age 30-39, 123-1/2 lb. category. Participation at the Fall event was up slightly from June with 166 lifters

last 16 outings (including five at Rampart).

The Nov. 3 competition at the Elysian Park Academy Gym was by no means a rout. Von Lutzow oinked constantly before and during the meet that his lifters were going to be out-gunned. His kvetching almost became a self-

intradepartmental competition that a participant successfully lifted more than 500 lbs. In the age 29 and under, 220-1/4 lb. Grouping Power Pig Alberto Franco hefted an astounding 505 lbs., beating the previous mark by 60 lbs.! In May, Franco, competing in the 198-1/4 lb. Category, lifted 455 lbs. Morris Batts, another Power Pig, added five pounds to his previous record in the age 40-49 over 275-1/2 lb. group.



answering the call (nearly one in three female).

### Bench Press Results

#### MEN AGE 20-29

##### WEIGHT

123-1/2 - 132-1/4  
132-1/4 - 148-1/2  
148-1/2 - 165-1/4  
165-1/2 - 181-3/4  
181-3/4 - 198-1/4  
198-1/4 - 220-1/4  
220-1/4 - 242-1/2  
242-1/2 - 275-1/4

##### FIRST PLACE

Jesus Carrillo (TRSG) 230 lbs.  
Thomas Luna (Wil) 295 lbs.  
Nabib Munoz (VN) 325 lbs.  
Malcolm Thomas (TRSG) 370 lbs.  
Gabriel Gaxiola (Wil) 325 lbs.  
Deryl Jackson (Pac) 385 lbs.  
Albert Franco (77th) 505 lbs.  
Elias Linn (77th) 300 lbs.

##### SECOND PLACE

Stephen Winter (77th) 170 lbs.  
Andrew Gonzalez (77th) 285 lbs.  
Jorge Gonzalez (TRSG) 225 lbs.  
Telesford Aguirre (SW) 350 lbs.  
Richard Mendoza (77th) 320 lbs.  
Robert Coats (TRSG) 300 lbs.  
Robert Scutaro (Wil) 345 lbs.

#### MEN AGE 30-39

##### WEIGHT

132-1/4 - 148-1/2  
148-1/2 - 165-1/4  
165-1/2 - 181-3/4  
181-3/4 - 198-1/4  
198-1/4 - 220-1/4  
220-1/4 - 242-1/2  
242-1/2 - 275-1/4  
Over 275-1/4

##### FIRST PLACE

Rudy Chavez (77th) 185 lbs.  
Perry Griffith (77th) 280 lbs.  
Dennis Mesa (Wval) 325 lbs.  
Kenneth Thomas (Pac) 350 lbs.  
Aaron Blackburn (77th) 360 lbs.  
Todd Waymire (TRSG) 425 lbs.  
Cornel Sandoz (77th) 425 lbs.  
Michael Andrews (TRSG) 270 lbs.

##### SECOND PLACE

Fernando Mora (SE) 215 lbs.  
Kyle Redmond (77th) 320 lbs.  
Perry Jones (Wil) 325 lbs.  
David Craig (77th) 330 lbs.  
Michael O'Shea (77th) 405 lbs.  
Joseph Terena (Pac) 335 lbs.

#### MEN AGE 40 - 49

##### WEIGHT

123-1/2 - 132-1/4  
132-1/4 - 148-1/2  
148-1/2 - 165-1/4  
165-1/2 - 181-3/4  
181-3/4 - 198-1/4  
198-1/4 - 220-1/4  
220-1/4 - 242-1/2  
242-1/2 - 275-1/4  
Over 275-1/4

##### FIRST PLACE

Ron Hodges (77th) 145 lbs.  
Roger Gaylord (77th) 115 lbs.  
Michael Ozaki (OVb) 300 lbs.  
Don Lawrence (TRSG) 310 lbs.  
Sam Arase (Pers) 400 lbs.  
Sean Reinhardt (Dev) 335 lbs.  
Julian Almaraz (Fthl) 390 lbs.  
Warren Winston (Wil) 305 lbs.  
Morris Batts (77th) 415 lbs.

##### SECOND PLACE

Bruce Vermaat (TRSG) 240 lbs.  
Song Suh (TRSG) 290 lbs.  
Joseph Avila (Ntn) 255 lbs.  
George Otto (TRSG) 285 lbs.  
Owen Mills (77th) 380 lbs.

#### MEN AGE 50-59

##### WEIGHT

132-1/4 - 148-1/2  
148-1/2 - 165-1/4  
165-1/2 - 181-3/4  
181-3/4 - 198-1/4  
198-1/4 - 220-1/4  
220-1/4 - 242-1/2

##### FIRST PLACE

Dean DiPaola (VN) 175 lbs.  
Joseph Curreri (Dev) 240 lbs.  
Mark Conta (Trg) 255 lbs.  
Paul von Lutzow (77th) 270 lbs.  
Robert Lequin (Dev) 285 lbs.  
Michael Cummings (STD) 330 lbs.

##### SECOND PLACE

John Vanelli (TRSG) 135 lbs.  
Bob Heredia (TRSG) 250 lbs.  
James May (SE) 225 lbs.  
Michael Major (Fthl) 240 lbs.  
Michael DePasquale (Pac) 315 lbs.

#### MEN AGE 60+

##### WEIGHT

165-1/2 - 181-3/4  
198-1/4 - 220-1/4  
242-1/2 - 275-1/4

##### FIRST PLACE

Sam Colella (Ret) 265 lbs.  
D. C. Webb (77th) 120 lbs.  
Rex Shields (Ret) 310 lbs.

##### SECOND PLACE

Ron Delgadillo (TRSG) 45 lbs.

#### WOMEN AGE 20-29

##### WEIGHT

97 - 105-3/4  
123-1/2 - 132-1/4  
132-1/4 - 148-1/2  
148-1/2 - 165-1/4  
165-1/2 - 181-3/4  
198-1/4 - 220-1/4

##### FIRST PLACE

Adriana De Los Santo (77th) 60 lbs.  
Helen Jaramillo (TRSG) 135 lbs.  
Jeannie Wong (TRSG) 120 lbs.  
Patricia Braendle (SE) 140 lbs.  
Maggie Sherman (TRSG) 130 lbs.  
Erika Spence (Pac) 120 lbs.

##### SECOND PLACE

Brenda Castro (77th) 75 lbs.  
Elva Coats (TRSG) 110 lbs.  
Bonnie Lehigh (Fthl) 125 lbs.  
Maribel Berumen (TRSG) 110 lbs.

#### WOMEN AGE 30-39

##### WEIGHT

97 - 105-3/4  
105-3/4 - 114-1/2  
114-1/2 - 123-1/2  
123-1/2 - 132-1/4  
132-1/4 - 148-1/2  
148-1/2 - 165-1/4  
165-1/2 - 181-3/4  
181-3/4 - 198-1/4

##### FIRST PLACE

Jesse Simon (Wil) 80 lbs.  
Marcella Piersol (SE) 80 lbs.  
Lupita Alaniz (TRSG) 120 lbs.  
Jill Reinhold (Pac) 155 lbs.  
Roshon Thornton (TRSG) 105 lbs.  
Donna Reyes (Pac) 120 lbs.  
Melody Hainline (Pac) 140 lbs.  
Debbie Luker (77th) 125 lbs.

##### SECOND PLACE

Gail Bury (77th) 80 lbs.

#### WOMEN AGE 40-49

##### WEIGHT

123-1/2 - 132-1/4  
132-1/4 - 148-1/2  
148-1/2 - 165-1/4  
165-1/2 - 181-3/4  
181-3/4 - 198-1/4

##### FIRST PLACE

Kathy Meek (SE) 70 lbs.  
Diane Alonzo (TRSG) 50 lbs.  
Francine Spada (TRSG) 95 lbs.  
Cindy Hallford (Pac) 105 lbs.  
Carolyn Jones (77th) 100 lbs.

##### SECOND PLACE

Evangelyn Nathan (Pac) 100 lbs.

#### WOMEN AGE 50+

##### WEIGHT

165-1/2 - 181-3/4

##### FIRST PLACE

Charlotte Smith (77th) 70 lbs.

##### SECOND PLACE

#### TEAM RESULTS

FIRST  
SECOND  
THIRD  
FOURTH  
FIFTH

77th Street 252 points  
Transit Services 224 points  
Pacific 123 points  
Wilshire 66 points  
Southeast 60 points

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13 team members  
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LAPD Bench Press Champions 1985-2000

Nov. 2000	77th St. Division
June 2000	77th St. Division
Oct. 1999	77th St. Division
June 1999	77th St. Division
Nov. 1998	77th St. Division
May 1998	77th St. Division
Nov. 1997	77th St. Division
May 1997	77th St. Division
Nov. 1996	77th St. Division
May 1996	77th St. Division
Nov. 1995	Central Traffic Women
May 1995	Rampart Division
Nov. 1994	Rampart Division
May 1994	Rampart Division
Nov. 1993	Rampart Division
April 1993	Rampart Division
Oct. 1992	Southeast Division
March 1992	Metro Division
Oct. 1991	DARE Division
March 1991	Rampart Division
Oct. 1990	Rampart Division
March 1990	77th St. Division
March 1989	Hollenbeck Division
March 1988	77th St. Division
March 1987	W. Valley/N. Hwd.
April 1986	West Valley Division
Oct. 1985	West Valley Division

Intra-Department Bench Press Records

MEN							
CLASS	AGE 20-29	AGE 30-39	AGE 40-49	AGE 50-59	AGE 60+		
Under 123-1/2	Tran Khoa 150#	Tony Cabunoc 145#					
123-1/2 – 132-1/4	Ken Aragon 245#	Gary Koba 220#	Ron Hodges 230#				
132-1/4 – 148-1/2	Joe Johnson 320#	Nelson Fong 295#	Lee Sands 295#	Herbert Chang 260#	Joe Curreri 230#		
148-1/2 – 165-1/4	Ben Tran 360#	Kerry Anderson 350#	Mike Callan 350#	Ken Montague 325#	Mark Conta 260#		
165-1/4 – 181-3/4	Andre Louis 385#	Andre Louis 395#	Lou Leiker 345#	Tom Vigen 365#	Sam Colella 245#		
181-3/4 – 198-1/4	Terry Cirre 420#	Mark Allen 420#	George Caufford 430#	Tom Vigen 365#	SAM COLELLA 265#		
198-1/4 – 220-1/4	Tony Ramirez 475#	Greg Davidson 485#	Ken Crawford 430#	James Williamson 315#	Sam Colella 270#		
220-1/4 – 242-1/2	ALBERTO FRANCO 505#	Tony Ramirez 450#	Gary Romo 420#	Reggie Weaver 385#			
242-1/2 – 275-1/4	Ed Huston 470#	Barry Brooks 450#	Reggie Weaver 425#	Gary Thomas 440#	Rex Shields 330#		
Over 275-1/4	Bryan Hand 415#	John Valdez 420#	MORRIS BATTIS 415#	William Caughey 200#			
WOMEN							
CLASS	AGE 20-29	AGE 30-39	AGE 40-49	AGE 50+			
Under 97 lbs.		Celia Komathy 85#					
97 – 105-3/4	Kristin Kolenda 100#	Kristin Kolenda 95#	Teresa Evanas 95#				
105-3/4 – 114-1/2	Victoria Lim 95#	Nicole Brennan 95#	Sandy Kim 100#	Jeri Weinstein 75#			
114-1/2 – 123-1/2	Jennifer Grasso 135#	Jill Reinhold 145#	Lynda Matarazzo 110#				
123-1/2 – 132-1/4	Jennifer Grasso 155#	Susan Drulias 155#	JILL REINHOLD 155#	Dawn Crowlay 135#			
132-1/4 – 148-1/2	Cassandra Britt-Nickerson 170#	Lisa Wernli 185#	Teresa Akuna 170#				
148-1/2 – 165-1/4	Melissa New 190#	Martha Moran 175#	Jami Reed 160#	Charlotte Smith 85#			
165-1/2 – 181-3/4	Shannon Paulson 145#	Maggie Sherman 145#	Sharon Biggs 160#	Yvonne Parker 110#	Charlotte Smith 80#		
181-3/4 – 198-1/4	Erika Spence 140#	Dena Kendrick 135#	Hilda Kendrick 185#				
198-1/4 – 220-1/4	Erika Spence 130#	Andrea Grossman 110#	Gloria Vargas 105#				
220-1/4 – 242-1/2			Debbie Gourman 90#	Brenda Gordon 145#			

Record set or tied at the November competition indicated in caps.

History of LAPD/LAPRAAC

Enter Training Division

The LAPRAAC continued to grow and become more and more involved in the training of LAPD officers. Off-duty LAPRAAC members performed all the firearms training. The importance of police officer training became obvious and the LAPD (city of Los Angeles) moved Training Division into the LAPRAAC facility. The year was 1936.

It was at this point in time that a relationship between LAPRAAC and the city of Los Angeles was established. Both parties made handshake agreements that in effect the city would take over all police officer training and LAPRAAC would permit the city to use all of its available buildings. In return, the city took on the responsibility of grounds keeping, maintenance, and facility security.

The LAPRAAC bylaws were amended to include the Commanding Officer of Training Division as the Operations Officer of LAPRAAC. This gave the city a voice in LAPRAAC operations. The spirit of cooperation that exists between Training Division and LAPRAAC has been cultivated for more than 60 years.

LAPRAAC Income

LAPRAAC is a private club governed by a Board of Directors who are sworn police officers elected by the membership. The Board is responsible to the Bylaws of the LAPRAAC organization and to the membership. LAPRAAC enjoys a tax exempt status 501., 4 of the tax code.

Another responsibility of the Board of Directors is the financial solvency of LAPRAAC. The LAPRAAC income is derived from the Academy Store (gift shop), café, lounge, and facility rental for movie projects, recreations, and retirement parties, etc.). The majority of income is produced by the academy store sales and from a voluntary membership dues structure of \$3 per payday.

Building Ownership

Initially LAPRAAC obtained some of the buildings from the 1932 Olympic Organizing Committee (buildings that were brought over from the Olympic Village which was located in the Baldwin Hills). LAPRAAC has continued to add building and large classroom space in an effort to facilitate Training

Divisions growth. LAPRAAC owns all structures except:

- 1. The Women's Locker Room named the Franchon Blake Building located adjacent to the swimming pool.
- 2. The Situation Simulator Building located immediately north of the pistol/target range.
- 3. The evidence bunkers located on the property.

The Finance Committee of LAPRAAC is the trustees of the Academy Trust Fund derived from money earned from the television shows Dragnet and Adam 12 and donated to LAPRAAC. This money was to be used to assist in the training of police officers. Construction of the Mark VII building and the Jack Webb building was financed with money from the Academy Trust Fund (approximately \$500,000). LAPRAAC later donated the Jack Webb building to the city of Los Angeles for the continuing education of Los Angeles Police Officers.

Land Rites – Simplified

At one time, the LAPRAAC/Academy was located within the boundaries of Elysian Park. However, a ballot measure in 1972 removed the property from the jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation Department and gave it to the management of the Department of Public Works.

Other LAPRAAC Functions

LAPRAAC was originally founded in the early 1930's to:

- 1. Provide police marksmanship (shooting) and general training,
- 2. Provide the membership a club atmosphere for relaxation and socialization

The relaxation and socialization came in the form of sporting events. Baseball, basketball, handball, and volleyball were the events of the day. Included in this report under "LAPRAAC Activities."

Summary

The Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club is the backbone of officer morale on the Los Angeles Police Department. LAPRAAC's history of pioneering police training for LAPD officers, permitting the city to use LAPRAAC's facilities for over 60 years, and pioneering police recreation-

al facilities, as well as the importance of physical fitness for law enforcement officers, cannot go unnoticed. It is certainly unmatched!

The Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, also known as the Los Angeles Police Academy, is full of Los Angeles Police Department history. LAPRAAC is a private club that was established over 60 years ago by Los Angeles Police Officers as a training facility. A labor force of off duty Los Angeles Police Officers and trustees built the historical Rock Garden and stone walls that highlight the driveway, towers, and courtyards. The 1932 Olympic pistol shooting competition took place at what is now known as the Los Angeles Police Academy. The Academy grounds have been (and still continue) to be used as the location of many television and movie productions. It is the training site for the tens of thousands of men and women who have passed through the halls while learning to be professional police officers.

LAPRAAC is the history, the social outlet, and the fitness arm of the Los Angeles Police Department. Of all the organizations surrounding the Los Angeles Police Department, LAPRAAC has left the biggest footprint on the Department history and the officers' well being.

LAPRAAC Activities

LAPRAAC provides the following activities for its Los Angeles Police Officers membership:

Athletic and Workout Facilities (Recreational): (Open 24 hours a day.)

- 1. Weight Room
- LAPRAAC – Police Academy campus
- 2. Swimming Pool and Spa
- 3. Locker Rooms and Showers
- 4. Steam Bath (Men's Locker Room)
- 5. Tennis Court (equipped with lighting for night play)
- 6. Racquetball/Handball Courts (2)
- 7. Lounge
- Retirements
- Anniversaries
- Meetings
- Birthdays
- Graduation, Off Probation, Transfer and Promotion parties
- 8. Gymnasium
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball Courts
- Badminton Courts
- Boxing/Wrestling Room
- Stage (fully equipped)
- Seminars
- 9. Rock Garden
- Retirements
- Reunions
- Weddings
- 10. Athletic Field
- Softball
- Football
- Soccer
- Physical Training
- Picnics/Parties
- Graduations
- 11. Sporting Events
- Annual Police Olympic Games
- Baker-to-Vegas Relay Race
- Annual Police Memorial Relay Race
- Intra-Departmental sports programs

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# RETIREMENT NEWS



The *Retirement News* is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

A big hello to you from all of us residing on the beautiful California Central Coast. The Christmas season is upon us and the year 2000 will soon be history. It's hard to believe how fast it went. I guess when you are active doing a lot of things, time does fly. This is my favorite time of year as the winter season here is usually mild; however, the hills and valleys still turn green and lush, creating a wonderful landscape.

A lot of our Fuzz Folks have been traveling over the summer and returned with some fascinating tales of sights they visited in the USA and abroad. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of our members at our annual Christmas party. It was a great success last year and should even be better this year as a result of our auction in Pismo Beach last September. Our fearless leader, **Brian Galbraith**, promises great entertainment in addition to many wonderful door prizes to be raffled off at the party. As you know, Brian never lets us down. The particulars are as follows:

Location: Madonna Inn, San Luis Obispo; date: Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000; time: social hour - 1100 hours, lunch at noon; menu: turkey dinner with all the trimmings, dessert, coffee, tea, etc.; cost: an unbelievable 10 bucks per person and that includes tip, entertainment and a lot of great fellowship.

LAPD visitors and friends are also welcome. Just contact Brian Galbraith at 805-929-8248 for details. Hopefully all of the Fuzz Folks that can make it will be there. **Tom & Dorie Zwinger** will bring the beautiful "Fuzz That Wuzz" historical book for perusing. They have made it a masterful creation.

### Focus on the Fuzz

Our Fuzz focus guy for this month is 30-year LAPD veteran **Tom Stead**,

#10474. Tom came on the Department in 1959 and retired as a Sgt. II out of West Traffic Division in 1989. Tom was one of my first patrol partners at WLA Division back in 1966. When he retired in 1989, Tom and his wife, **Christina**, moved up to Templeton, just south of Paso Robles, where they owned some commercial rental property. They had previously vacationed on the central coast area and decided to make Templeton their home. Christina is an elementary school teacher in Paso Robles and Tom's daughter, Rosa, is pursuing the same career and will soon obtain her teaching credential at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

I didn't realize that during his career with LAPD Tom joined the Coast Guard Reserve where he served 20 years retiring with the rank of Commander. He now enjoys gardening and working around his two-acre home. Stead is currently employed as a paid on-call firefighter for the city of Templeton. He is on call 24 hours a day and responds about two miles to the local fire station where he joins other responding firefighters to handle whatever crisis may arise. This can entail everything from fighting fires to handling emergencies at traffic accidents on Highway 101. In addition to his obtaining his Basic Firefighter Certificate, Tom is EMT certified and is currently undergoing training in San Luis Obispo to be deemed qualified to operate the "Jaws of Life." Tom likes this important aspect of serving his community as it keeps him busy and involved. He is physically fit and works out at a local gym three times a week and occasionally runs a 10K race. He and Christina love to travel and enjoy being active. The best to you and your family, Tom.

That's it for now. Catch us at Wuzzlapd@aol.com. KMA

## Retirement Corner



Rank	Name	Serial No.	Last Assigned to	No. of Years
SGT-II	Glen Bancroft	13979	Labor Relations	32
D-II	Felipe S. Toledo	15882	North Hollywood	30
D-II	Jay T. St. John	16732	North Hollywood	30
P-III	Lynn A. Luiz	17180	Northeast	27
D-III	Jorge Armenta	17225	North Hollywood	29
D-III	Jaime A. Samaniego	17720	BAD	28
D-II	Kenneth R. Belt	20043	Foothill	27
P-III	Ed Orton	22667	Devonshire	20

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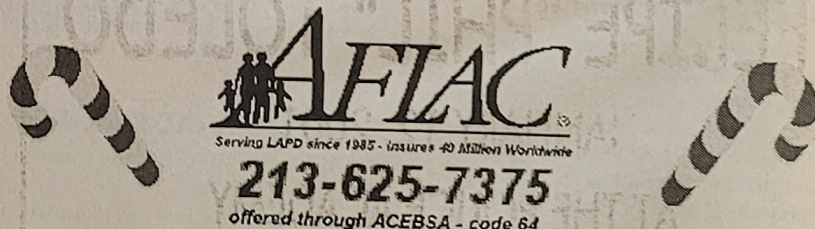
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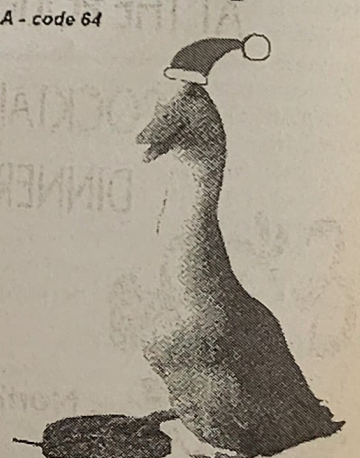
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## Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

Getting ready for Christmas? It is that time again? As if you didn't know. Boy! How time flies. The year 2001 is just around the corner. Wonder what sad news it will bring. The year 2000 brought nothing but bad and sad news all year long. Well, we all have to take it one day at a time and we will get through it, I think. At least that is what they say. Never could find out who they are.

Just got back from Oregon. Had a big family memorial for **Beverly** in Portland, Oregon, our hometown. Lots of relatives from both sides, old schoolmates and lots of friends, some of whom we had not seen for over 60 years. Had 78 in attendance and what a feast at the reception. Everyone was amazed at all the pictures we had on posters. I had added about 50 more than I had at the Memorial at the Anchor. I had found a real "Oscar" some 20 years ago and had it stored. I got it out and had it inscribed "Presented to Beverly L. Yandle" for outstanding wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt - 1941 to 2000. No one knew I was doing it. I had it in a real nice box. All my family were dying to know what I had in the box. Were they surprised. When I got back I went to see **Jesse Tubbs**. He is in the Brookside Health Care Center, 108 Terracina Blvd., Redlands, CA. It is just off Barton Road. Jesse has alzheimers. He knew me right off; asked me about all the guys. Even remembered their names. **Dorothy**, his wife, says sometimes he is fine and sometimes he thinks something else. Really enjoyed seeing him and Dorothy. We went out to lunch and he did great. Some of you guys who worked with Jesse should go to see him. He would love it and it helps to bring back his memory. They say there is no cure, but I don't believe that. Look at me. I am living proof. Well at least that's what some of you have said.

**Stuart Sipma** wrote me a letter. I had called him and left a message. Stuart wrote he did not call because he doesn't talk that good. He has Lou Gherig's dis-

ease. He says it is incurable. Don't know how he contracted it or anything. Cards and letters would be nice. He is in the Retirement Book. Don't put it off. Get one today. Believe me, it helps. Beverly sure loved the cards and letters you all sent to her.

Got a big shock when I got home. **Earl Dillion's** son-in-law called me. Earl died suddenly. Went to the dentist, had a broken tooth dug out, a long operation, came home and had lots of pain. He went to emergency and he was gone. They don't know why. They are having an autopsy done and said they would let me know the results. Earl was fine. He called me and apologized for not making Beverly's memorial and that he would see me at the January luncheon. Boy, you never know!

No one can tell me how long this grieving lasts. Everyone tells me "You have to get on with your life. Get out and go places, meet people." It's hard, believe me. Until you go through it, you'll never know. And those of you that have, you know what I mean.

Some of you guys are moving around. Let me know where you go or you won't get your notices. I am in such a mess. I can't find anything. I did find \$500 Beverly had stashed for Laughlin. I took the money and put an "I owe you \$500" note back in its place. I am finding notes and letters hidden everywhere.

I have not heard from **Lydia Phillips** about **Floyd Lloyd** and **Dora Tucker** have been doing a little traveling in their R.V. They travel with **Sam** and **Dawn Johnson**, who have a big motor home. It is nice to know wealthy people.

Well, we are coming up on 2001. The January meeting will be Jan. 10, 2001, at Anchor Restaurant, 2524 E. Florida, Hemet, Calif. Tariff is still \$10 per person. It includes tax and tip. Social hour starts at 11:00 a.m. Dinner or lunch as we say in better circles, is at 12:00 sharp. So all of you be careful. It's a jungle out there. Buckle up and carry a sawed-off shotgun and you'll make it. Oh, by the way, my phone number is still 909-925-4491. Merry Xmas to all.

## Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club

Well, the "season" is upon us and, with the return of the snowbirds and vacationers, the population here in the desert has really increased. This was evidenced by almost 60 guests who attended our November mixer at the home of **Tim** and **Susan Dotson** in Bermuda Dunes on November 10th. Thank goodness they have such a beautiful and spacious home and we all fit nicely.

You can imagine the conversations in a group like that where everyone has a story to tell about their summer travels and adventures. It was great!

While we gorged ourselves on a fabulous Mexican buffet we saw old friends and met some newcomers. First-timers were **Narisse** and **Bill "B.J." Johnson** (BAD); **Lynn** and **Carl Berlin** (Rampart); and **Linda** and **Pat Murphy**. Pat retired from Seattle PD and is currently President of the Coachella Valley Chapter of Footprinters. Some members whom we haven't seen for a while were **Bob** and **Melody Bowers**, **Dave** and **Debra Warren**, **Ed** and **Mary Henderson**, **Gary Grubel**, **Ted** and **Barbara Spruill**, and **Larry** and **Sharon DeLosh**. Don't stay away so long.

**Charlene Reming** extended an invitation to all to participate in a police and fire golf tournament, "Guns and Hoses," to be held at Palm Valley Country Club on December 4th. If you would like to join, a call Dave or Malia at the Pro Shop at 760 345-2742.

**Al Fried** asked for volunteers to host next year's mixers and quickly filled the calendar through June. How's that for participation! He and **Sharon** will host our Christmas party at Woodhaven Country Club on December 8th. This will be golf and mixer. Each attendee is to bring a \$10 unisex Christmas gift. Should be fun. If you can attend, with or without golf, call Al at 818 248-5124.

**Sandi Palmer** is putting together the 2001 Roster. We would like to see your name in it. Contact her at 818 349-9714 or by e-mail at CVBLGC@aol.com. We have a great group of people but there's always room for more. Hope to see you real soon.



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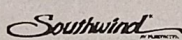


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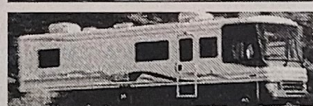
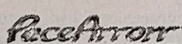
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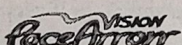
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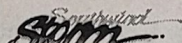
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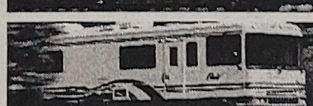
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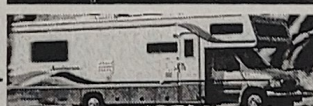
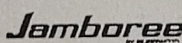
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# RETIREMENT NEWS

## SABLA

by Bernie Remas

### Christmas 2000

Yes, Virginia, there is indeed a Santa Claus! And Yes, Virginia, this is the second SABLA Christmas article for 2000! For those of you that follow SABLA regularly, you may have noticed that I am enjoying this Christmas season so much that I decided to keep it going for another month!! Well, there are so many things going on during this season that I didn't want any of you to miss anything!! That's why us retirees get up early in the AM. Don't want to miss anything. Especially at this time of the year! So give thanks, count your blessings, and spread some

to the special Christmas luncheon late in the month.

So the next SABLA luncheon will be on Thursday, January 11, 2001 at the "Friends" Restaurant! It's in Rancho Cordova, Highway 50 at the Zinfandel offramp. Go north to the northeast corner of the first street. You'll see it. It's 1130 for social time, 1200 for lunch. Order ANYTHING from the menu when you arrive, and they'll have on your table at 1200. Prices are reasonable! Sit with someone you don't know well and start a new friendship! Come break bread with us! It would help if you would call Ed Lewandowski and let him know you're coming. Three ways to do that—phone at either (530) 626-4248, or (916) 445-4710 or e-mail at [fasted@plvl.inner-site.com](mailto:fasted@plvl.inner-site.com). Ed needs to let them know how many of us are coming so they can set up tables, etc. Don't forget. We're back to meeting every month. The 2nd Thursday of every month—except December!!

And while we're talking about luncheons, the October 12th luncheon at Friends, brought out a great group of people. We saw **Chuck Blogin**, **Chuck Long**, and **Hal White** from out

Roseville way. Also, regulars **Nate Iannone**, **Ray Lauritzen** and **George Puddy**. **Carl Kuehn** was in from his full time job at Health Net Security. Also there was **Jim Van Diver** who does not want to work!

They heard about the law enforcement career of Capt. **Steve Reader**, the current Jail Cmdr. Of the Placer County Sheriff's Dept. east of here in Placerville (see photo). The Captain has spent his entire career with the Sheriff's Dept. and is planning on retirement next year. He has also been in command of the other major divisions in the Sheriff's Office. He told us that his great-grandfather came to California in 1848 from Wisconsin and settled in nearby Nevada County. He was an interesting and informative speaker, mainly because of his long residence in the community. Also like most of us he possesses a great sense of humor and when "things" are funny! He "bragged a bit" about his golf game too! More speakers are planned for the future by our Prez Ed Lewandowski, so make sure y'all come by at Friends and see us.

From up in Cool, California, **John "2-gun" Powers** was back with us for this luncheon. **Richard Nevarez** from Folsom, who we don't see often



From left to right: Ed Lewandowski, President; Captain Steve Reader, Placer County Sheriff's Department; Bernie Remas, Scribe.

joy around your world for the rest of us to enjoy.

Here is one Christmas luncheon that needs your participation. Don't forget the SABLA Christmas luncheon. This year SABLA Chairman **Ed Lewandowski** and his wife, **Cindy**, have planned another great luncheon at Del Webb's Roseville where we have been for several years now! The date is Thursday, December 21, 2000, at 1130 hours. This date is just a few days before Christmas this year. If you haven't got the spirit yet, or you haven't got in the mood yet, it's time. Come to this luncheon and meet some of the finest retired police officers in the world! You've got time to do this! SABLA is subsidizing this luncheon and so it will only cost you \$22 each, for everything. As an added extra, you can eat all you want! What a deal! Please make your reservations with **Hoy Key**, our illustrious treasurer, at (916) 771-9206 or [hoy@psyber.com](mailto:hoy@psyber.com). He'll give you the details and directions if needed. This is always a great party, and usually SABLA will come up with enough funding for some Christmas gifts to those attending. So make your plans, fit into our plans! OK?

There will be NO SABLA luncheon on the 2nd Thursday of December, due

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enough, was there in October. **Chuck Ward** was lonely. No retired motor officers to sit with! I told him before that he should "mix" more often! **Gene DeCrona** and **Bob Keel** are two that really look like they could do another 20! Twenty what?? Why years of course! And **Roy Kerton** from Elk Grove. I'm hoping that Roy will write for SABLA for the next three months. **Judy** and I bought a condo in Ft. Myers, Fla. And right after Christmas we're gonna escape the cold, shivering winters of Sacramento in favor of the sunny warmth of South Florida. OK Roy??

Please join us on Dec. 21, 2000, at Del Webb's Roseville banquet room for the annual SABLA Christmas luncheon. It's time to dress up, a little, and join us for a holiday celebration. Call Hoy Key and give him your reservation. This is the time for celebrating and partying.

Got a note from **Ron & Marilyn Kiser** regarding this year's wine country BBQ up here in the north country. It

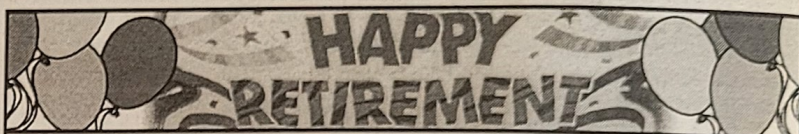
was and continues to be a great party for all of us! And what great support they get from all of you out there! Good news for all of you. Ron & Marilyn have donated their profits as follows: \$200 for the SABLA treasury, \$300 to **Jack Horrall** for the widow's pension revision ballot proposition in the Spring 2001, and \$1,000 to the William H. Parker Foundation at Parker Center.

Now that's a "bunch." What great people the Kiser's continue to be with their generous and sharing attitude and reputation that benefits us all. A BIG thank you, from all of us!!

Don't forget Thursday, January 11, 2001, Friends Restaurant, Highway 50 and Zinfandel, 1130 hours.

For sending us Christmas cards and greetings from all of you, our mailbox is still P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.



Directors Ken Hillman, Dennis P. Zine, and Cliff Ruff congratulate retiring Deputy Chief Rick Dinse and his wife Yvonne on his retirement. Chief Dinse is now the Chief of Police of Salt Lake City, Utah.

## Dates to Remember

### December

December 1	L.A. Police Golf Association Annual Tournament - California C.C.	0800	
December 1	LAPRAAC Sports Awards Banquet	1700	1800
December 3	L.A. Retired Fire & Police Christmas Celebration	1300	
December 6	L.A. Retired Fire & Police General Membership Meeting	1000	
December 7	Joe Writer	1800	1900
December 8	Coachella Valley Blue Line Christmas Party		
December 11	Joe Myers Christmas Classic Golf Tournament - Braemar C.C.	0730	
December 17	"Toys for Tots" Motorcycle Run and Car Show	0900	
December 21	Central Coast Fuzz Christmas Party	1100	1200
December 21	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	

### January

January 3	L.A. Retired Fire & Police General Membership Meeting	1000	
January 10	Inland Blue Line	1100	1200
January 11	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
January 12	Felipe Toledo	1700	1800
January 26	Bill Marsden	1700	1800



## Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

The merriest of Christmas holidays to all our old partners and pals, from the runningest group of guys and gals: the Old Blue Running Team!

And whatta ya know? Here we are with just about one year of the new century under our belt and only 99 more to



L-R: Bob Carter, Jay Hernando, George Beck, Keith Allen, Rudy DeLeon

go. I would imagine that in the next nine plus decades that police work will have advanced to such a fine art that we might not be able to recognize it from the present day bag of electronic tricks and daily miracles, not to mention wide drops in most crime categories. A quick glance at a mythical crime with "Rocky" the burglar who has just been caught on an inter-stellar police camera that is orbiting at 17,000 miles up. "This is Sgt. Monday, Rocky, and we're directing you to report to Headquarters immediately or we'll have to activate the electronic concrete pad that you are standing on and short circuit your pro-

bation," or some other Buck Rogers in the 25th century kind of activity, which I think is limited only by our imagination and the ability to create some of these Star Wars kinds of law enforcement.

Looking backwards to the beginning of the 20th century, the amount of at that time new and now long considered old and obsolete equipment that every

one of us could make a list of is quite interesting. Even in other fields like medicine, the progress has been amazing. My late mother-in-law's first husband, Clarence Jaynes, was one of the first two motor cops in Santa Ana in 1925. But he gave his 4 cylinder Henderson a little too much throttle while right-turning through some gravel and you know what the result of that was. A couple of days IOD and then a return to duty. No, not in the '20s. Both he and his motor got enough gravel in their backsides that he died three months later from blood poisoning and nobody wanted to ride Hendersons anymore. Can't blame

'em. Most of us tend to resist change 'cause we're really comfortable doing our daily chores. But old Clarence might have lived to collect a pension if there had been a drug called penicillin available. That wonder drug didn't arrive on the scene till about 1944 and I read that even penicillin is now giving way to more modern microbe hunters. So I wonder what is right around the corner in medicine, or for that matter any other field of endeavor. So, all you youngsters stay healthy as you can 'cause change and progress go hand in hand. Personally, I was mighty satisfied when the radio cars got hydra-matic and then later on we got air conditioning. Wow, we were in high cotton then. But it kept getting better with helicopters, and then automatic wants and warrants, and on and on. In fact, I looked into a local police car the other day and I wasn't quite sure where the key went. About the time I figured it out, a bouncy little 5'5", 125 lb. Young lady jumped in like she had been born in the car and politely said, "Need any help, Mister?" "No," I said, turning beet red as she accelerated up a freeway on-ramp. Well, at least she didn't call me Grandpa!

But there's one thing that hasn't changed in running. Blisters and sore feet have probably been around for thousands of years. I don't know if the old Greeks and Romans had the latest versions of King Tut's two-tone, grape

leaf lined, super cushion, on sale running shoes or if they all ran barefooted. Certainly somewhere along the way someone must have perfected an athletic supporter by then, but perhaps not. Ouch!

On our first meeting of the month on Sunday we had a good turnout with



L-R: Keith Allen, Bob Carter, Jay Hernando

Bob Carter, Keith Allen, Jay Hernando, George Beck and Rudy DeLeon. The weatherman cooperated with some cool but brisk breezes as we got in a few more miles preparation for the upcoming and challenging third running of the 50-mile Scorpion Relay Race at Frank Bonelli Park in San Dimas on Nov. 11th. It promises to be a lot of fun. Results next month.

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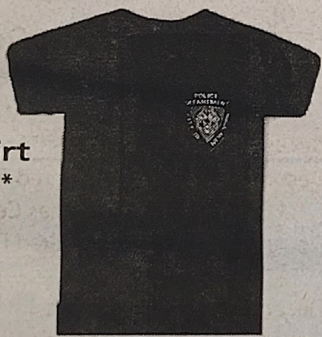
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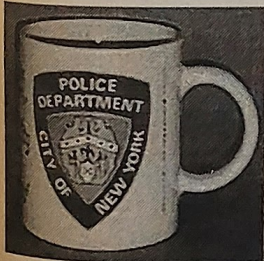


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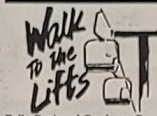
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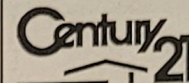
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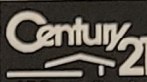
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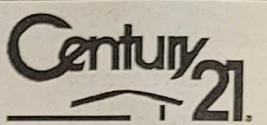
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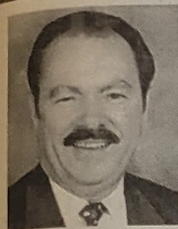
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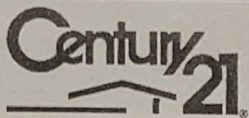


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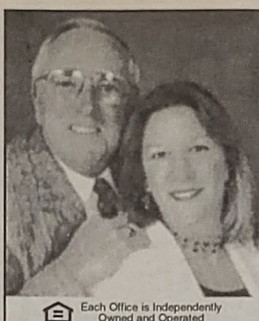
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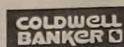
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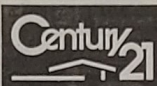
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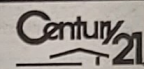
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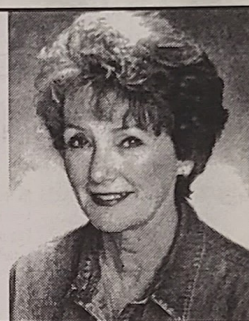
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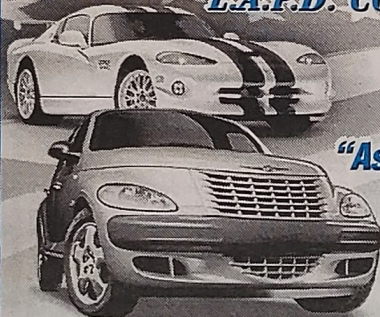
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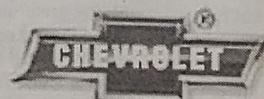


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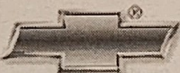
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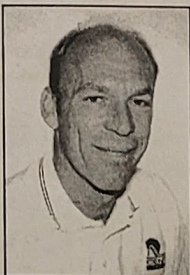
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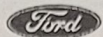


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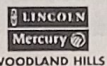


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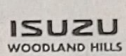
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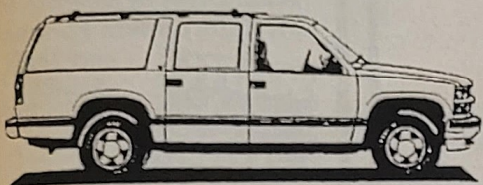
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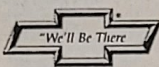
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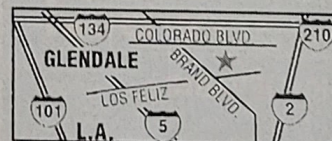
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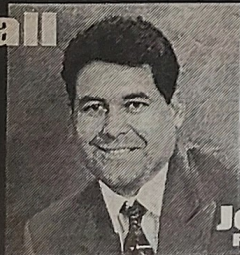
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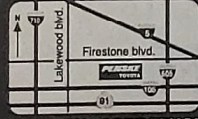
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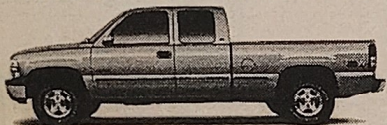
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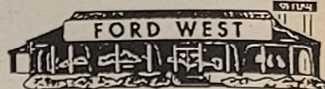
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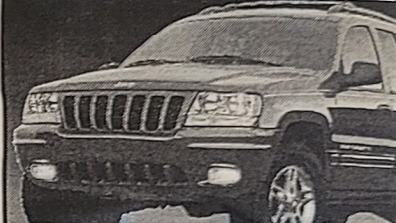
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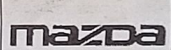


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